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DOUGLAS AVOLITION WAR UPON LINCOLN.—We suppose we need not repeat, though we do so most emphatically, that, as matters stand, we are for the election of neither Douglas nor Lincoln to the U. S. Senate. No power could compel us to vote, or advise our friends to vote, for either. So long as they keep their present positions, let the Americans of Illinois, standing aloof from both, elect to the Legislature as many of their own friends as possible, with a view to holding and effectually wielding the balance of power. This is our ground.

We have a few words to say, however, to those who have been persuaded that Douglas is a pro-slavery man and Lincoln an ultra-abolitionist. We have already exposed Douglas's scandalous abolition principles in regard to slavery in the Territories, principles even more obnoxious and offensive than the obnoxious and offensive ones of Lincoln upon the same subject, and now we propose to show how Douglas's immediate organ, his home organ, his mere mouth-piece, the Chicago Times, is trying to rally the abolitionists for Douglas and against Lincoln by parading and denouncing a bill once presented by Lincoln in Congress for the maintenance of Southern rights. Read the following from the Douglas mouth-piece of last Friday and mark with what ferocity the Little Giant causes his competitor to be denounced for having proposed Congressional legislation to secure the return of fugitive slaves to their masters:

We propose to ask the Republicans of Illinois—the men who regard the officers who catch fugitive slaves as "blood-hounds," as inhuman, as brutish savages—whether they would vote for a man to be their Senator who is not only in favor of compelling officers to do that duty, but who has actually proposed to make them pains and penalties? We narrow the question down to the simple proposition whether they will vote for a man to send to Congress who had ever proposed—even when the present fanatical view was not in existence—to make it the duty of the Mayor, the magistrates, the police, and all other constables of a city of this Union, to hunt down all fugitive slaves who might escape their city, and, without trial by jury, or trial by any body, without examination, or any other than arbitrary proceeding, arrest such persons charged with being fugitive slaves, and deliver them to the person claiming them as such? We ask the Republicans of Illinois, particularly of Chicago, to say whether they will vote to send a man to Congress who proposed to make a law compelling the municipal authorities of any city in the United States to act as "slave catchers," as "blood-hounds, to run down and catch runaway negroes," who might be on their way to a land of freedom? Will the Republicans of Illinois vote to send a man to the United States senate, who, in his place in Congress, proposed a law requiring the municipal authorities of two cities of the Union, under penalties, to "chase and seize and return to bondage men and women flying to a land of liberty?" Will they vote to send a man to Congress who in his place in that body as a former occasion, proposed a law compelling the mayors and magistrates, and police officers of the free States to act as "negro catchers," as "blood-hounds, to hunt down and arrest fugitive slaves, and deliver them to their masters, and who proposed that the mayors and magistrates, and police officers of the free States should be subjected to fine and imprisonment in case they refused to perform this duty, but that *fines were exclusive on them by any law*, and which the Tribune declares would be "inhuman, anchristian, and unconstitutional?" Will they vote to send a man to Congress who had ever proposed to add to the duties of the mayors and police officers of the free States the duties of "bloodhounds"—"hiring dogs"—to capture fugitive slaves? Governor of Chicago, will you vote to send a man to Congress who proposed a law making it the duty of the mayors of two of the cities of the Union to act as slave catchers and negro-hunters, and, without trial investigation, or examination, hand them over to such persons as might claim them? Will you vote for Abraham Lincoln if he ever proposed such a law in Congress?

Here the Douglas organ, referring to a bill presented several years ago by Mr. Lincoln in Congress, says that it contained this clause:

SEC. 3. That the municipal authorities of Washington and Georgetown, within their respective jurisdictions, are hereby empowered and authorized to provide active and efficient means to arrest all persons in the DISTRICT, who are THERE OR HERE ALL FUGITIVES SLAVES ESCAPING INTO SAID DISTRICT.

And upon this the Douglas organ comments as follows:

There, gentlemen Republicans, is the proposition of Abraham Lincoln made in the House of Representatives on the 16th day of January, 1849, to compel the officers of the Mayor of the cities of Georgetown and Washington to act as "blood-hounds," to hunt down and arrest all citizens of color who might be on their way to freedom, he proposed that the mayors and constabulary of those two cities, in addition to their ordinary duties, should be "empowered to arrest all negroes and deliver them up to the persons claiming them. Slave forever remember that the mayors might be called on to act, and with which he sets so much, and with which he sets negroes, as well as all other men, have been endowed by their Creator, the right to have and enjoy the fruits of their own labor, or to barter the same away for such other property as to them seems to be taken back forever to a bondage, to which they have not for their own benefit, or for the benefit of their owners.

Republicans, look upon your candidate! Is he record consistent with your principles? Is he consistent with your interpretation of the Declaration of Independence? Is he the equals of the race? Is he consistent with your notions of humanity, Christianity, and freedom? Will you vote for the author of that proposition? Will you, in giving a vote to new the official record of Mr. Lincoln's bill can do so by calling at the office of the Secretary of State.

So we see, that, however strong a tendency Mr. Lincoln may have toward free-soilism, Douglas's immediate organ electioneers most furiously against him upon the ground of his being too much a pro-slavery man. To what lengths the Douglas party will carry the impudence and folly of this course these gentlemen in Douglas entitled?

The opposition to the federal administration in New York are debating whether they will vote for Seymour or to unite and beat. Either course is plain before him; they have only to choose between the two.

Washington Gazette.

That's a very clear and concise statement of an unquestionable truth. And what is true in New York is equally true in Ohio. Will the truth be properly appreciated in the latter State? Will the forces of the opposition consent, for the sake of harmonious action, to set their faces against all slavery agitation as decidedly as the Whig National Convention of 1852 did?

Hon. Charles E. Stuart, whose term as United States Senator from Michigan expires with the present Congress, has received the Democratic nomination for Governor, despite positive orders from Washington forbidding such action as an implied rebuke to the administration. Senator Stuart stood with Douglas all through the Lecompton struggle, and his course is approved by the mass of his party at home.

The Democrats of Massachusetts have nominated Erasmus D. Beach for Governor, and Chas. Thompson as Lieutenant Governor. Both of these gentlemen have been before elected to the State Senate by free-soil votes, the first in 1849, and the latter in 1850; they now are good Buchanan men and of course go for Lecompton.

An English heiress has married a Spanish bull-fighter. This may encourage some of our young fellows to turn bull-fighters. We don't know that the sport would be very dangerous to them. Their friends have known a score of horns enter their bodies every day without killing them.

A young couple passed rapidly through Maysville the other day on their way to get married. The indignant old folks were full three hours behind. So the adventurous young couple had what might be considered a fair start in the world.

An Ohio paper, speaking of the crops, says, that, "in some things, the earth has failed, during the past season, to do her appointed work." The fact is, she drank a good deal too much during the spring and the early summer.

We are that ex-President Pierce, during his recent tour from Lisbon to Marseilles, was much honored. It should be remembered that the honors were rendered where the people don't know what sort of a President Pierce was.

A lady, writing from Texas, speaks of having waked up one morning and found herself in bed with a serpent. A great many ladies have found themselves in the same predicament—and some gentlemen.

The editor of the Henderson Commercial asks if some of the sportsmen won't give him a "smell of Green river bass." If a "smell" is what he wants, they had better send him some a week out of the water.

We see some discussion as to the name by which the wife upon the bed of the Atlantic should be called. The word cable is thought inappropriate. Suppose we call it the Atlantic bed cord.

There are said to be numerous young girls in the streets of St. Louis stealing whatever trifles they can lay their hands on—petty thieves in petticoats.

Some of the editors North and South serve up to their readers nothing but nigger. They give them broiled nigger for breakfast, roasted nigger for dinner, and cold nigger for supper.

The fussy editor of the Mound City Emporium expresses the fear that his neighbor of the Cairo Gazette "has no disposition to render unto Cæsar his *things*."

The Ravenna Chronicle compliments us with the remark that we call things by their right names. We certainly try to do so. We are not in the habit of designating chicken-thieves as poultry-dealers.

It is observable that dogs always turn round and round several times before they lie down to sleep. We judge from certain symptoms that the Buchanan administration is getting sleepy.

William H. Korn has been nominated by the People's party of Philadelphia as a candidate for Sheriff. He is an ice dealer, and his popularity will send a chill to the heart of locofocoism.

The English Opera bills nightly produced at our Theater have no connection with the English Bill on the other side of the river!

The weather is getting cool. The bills of the musquitoes are scarcely felt. Some other bills are as troublesome as ever.

A London court has decided that an actor is not a "laborer." *Of course not*; he's "to work and all play."

VIGILANCE COMMITTEES IN LOUISIANA.—The parish of St. John the Baptist paper, the Meschacebe, of the 28th ultimo, contains the following paragraph, under the heading of the Committees in St. James:

We learn that the most violent agitation prevails in St. James. The substitution of committees to the regular action of the law has produced disorders there which it was easy to foresee. Nearly all the citizens are armed and ready to come to blows. A new store has been attacked and its contents sacked; the storekeepers, on the other hand, are sustained by their partisans. A difficulty has taken place between one of the members of the first committee and Mr. P. Leblanc. The latter has left the parish; but his departure has not destroyed the germ of disorder which tends to increase in St. James.

The Donaldsonville Vigilant of the 29th ultimo refers at length to the subject, and states that so many evils have resulted to the slaves in the parish of St. James from the numerous violations of the law forbidding, under severe penalties, the selling of spirituous liquors to them, that the planters formed a vigilence committee to break up all stores suspected in the matter. They have given notice to leave to every person concerned in selling whisky to negroes, and where this notice was disregarded, they have enforced it with an application of tar and feathers. The storekeepers have also organized and armed to resist these active proceedings, and at last dates a conflict between the two parties appeared imminent.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LIBERIAN NATIONALITY. The Philadelphia American learns by a private letter lately received by a gentleman of that city from Gerard Ralston, Esq., London, the Minister Plenipotentiary of Liberia, that Portugal is ready to acknowledge the Republic, and to make a treaty of amity and commerce with her. Mr. Ralston was at once about to enter upon the formation of a treaty with Count Leyredio, the Portuguese Ambassador. This will make the ninth nation that has acknowledged Liberia.

We also learn that the Lark, Government steamer, from Monrovia, had arrived at Plymouth, to be repaired in her Majesty's dockyard, free of cost to the Liberians.

Mr. Morphy.—The London critic says that when Mr. Staunton was first challenged to play Mr. Morphy, the young American chess player, the sum named was £1000, because it was expected that Mr. Staunton would meet his antagonist in America, and it was thought a smaller sum ought not to be offered to a veteran chess player. When, however, Mr. Morphy came to England, the sum was reduced to $500 by mutual consent. We are given to understand that Mr. Morphy's money is posted, but Mr. Staunton's is not; and there is a very confident feeling among chess players that, since Mr. Morphy's success in opposition to Herr Lowenthal, Mr. Staunton's anxiety for the match will not be augmented.

Gov. McMullen, of Washington Territory, who has arrived in Washington City, recommends a vigorous campaign against the Indians of that Territory, believing that a severe chastisement is requisite to bring them to terms. He contends that the savages in that region must be made sensible of the power of the Government to punish them for their perfidy, before they will entertain sufficient respect for their white neighbors to secure the latter from their hostility. The Indians from the British possessions, he also says, are in the habit of making depredatory incursions into the Territory, and frequently murder and plunder those settlers whom they find in exposed situations.

THE ILLINOIS SENATORSHIP.—From present appearances, we think there will be no election for an U. S. Senator by the Legislature to be chosen in Illinois this fall. The two houses act separately in balloting, and the Senate can hardly fail to contain a majority of the friends of Douglas; thirteen members hold over, most of them anti-Lecompton, and the opposition must elect eight of the twelve to be chosen this fall to secure a majority. If no election takes place, there can be no choice before 1861, as the session of the Legislature are biennial.

Philip B. Foulke, Esq., is the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Eighth District of Illinois, the present incumbent, Hon. Robert Smith, having been dropped. Mr. Foulke has been twice beaten before in the District, first, by Col. Bissell now Governor of the State, who bolted the caucus nomination, and the second time, by the Hon. Lyman Trumbull, who did not take his seat, however, having been subsequently elected to the United States Senate.

The interments at New Orleans, for the week ending on the 30th, were 566, of which 402 were of yellow fever. The Picayune advises that the custom of having music at funerals be dispensed with during the epidemic, as it has an injurious effect. Not only the noise but the mournful notes of the dead march are peculiarly adapted to excite debilitated patients with agitation and alarm.

EGYPTIAN WHEAT.—Mr. A. P. Ludew, of this city, left with us yesterday a stalk of Egyptian wheat, grown from the seed taken from an Egyptian mummy, on his farm in McLean county, Ill.

Bloomington Pantagraph.

We did not know that Egyptian mummies were found so close by as that. What does a man want with an Egyptian mummy on his farm? As a scarecrow?

The President, it is stated, has offered the Spanish Mission to Mr. J. P. Benjamin, United States Senator for Louisiana. Mr. Benjamin is now in the South, and it is not known if he will accept it.

Dr. Fowlkes, the President of the Southern Pacific Railroad, seems to be ubiquitous in his active exertions to protect the interests of those he represents. He is now in St. Louis.

A young man named Wm. Louder was killed near Memphis on Tuesday by six runaway negroes who he was pursuing for the purpose of arresting them.

Gov. Richardson, of Nebraska, has resigned his office and will return to take the stump in Illinois for Douglas.

"The rock of Democracy," as the Washington Union calls Mr. Buchanan, is the cause of collision which has split the party!

The following from that very sterling old paper, the Mayaville Eagle, is in the right spirit:

THE NEW PARTY MOVEMENT.—There seems to be good grounds for fearing that strong influences are at work all over the country, to unite the entire opposition to the Administration in one party.

Horace Greeley, Gov. Corwin, and other distinguished gentlemen in the North are at work endeavoring to bring about such a result, while in the South and West the most eminent leaders of the American party appear to be giving their cooperation to the same end. It is not, as has been charged, an attempt to bring together the Northern Know-Nothing and Southern American parties into a single or consolidated organization, but it is to unite the conservative men of all parties upon a platform that is all opposed as much to extra agitation on the slavery question as to the usurpation as it will the arbitrary and corrupt policy of the present Administration.

Such a basis as uniting the American and Republican parties upon one organization and upon one platform of principles, could not be done, and, so far as we know, no body is attempting to do such a thing. There are those, and in great numbers, though, belonging to these parties, who, although *apparently differing* in regard to the policy of the Government, really do not differ at all, and who simply material point—and it is these, it is contended, that can be made to drop their nominal differences of opinion for the purpose of uniting in the overwhelming of a wrong that is so much desired, to overturn the set of demagogues who are bringing the country to very day more nearly to the verge of utter bankruptcy and ruin.

We have not seen enough yet to give an opinion as to what the result of these efforts will be. Certainly it would will but follow the honest promptings of their judgment, in the consideration of the question, it does seem to us that a combination might be formed of opponents to Buchanan Democracy sufficiently strong to overwhelm them at the next Presidential election. The Republican party has evidently fallen very much from the high and defiant position which it occupied two years ago, and there are many united in its opposition to the introduction of many more slave States, and in any extreme measure, we see not it ready to throw overboard its candidates who profess these notions and make standard bearers only of such as are willing to stand upon the People's platform of the Territories, whether it be on the side of Freedom or of slavery.

The few members of the Republican party could hold to the extreme doctrine of Abolitionism are, in a manner, driven from the party, and the Democratic party would no doubt the Republican party, as it existed two years ago, has utterly died out. This being the case, those conservative men who only went with the Republican party because elsewhere to go, and whose disgust for it has accomplished the work of its dissolution, would be ready to unite without hesitancy and form other combinations that will better carry out the patriotic views they entertain.

There are but few who are unwilling to submit now to the doctrine of popular sovereignty, and those who oppose the measure do not consider the question worthy of a fight, continue on in their efforts to keep vitality in a Black issue, sustaining by your aid knave and corrupt men and tools of political importance, until they get back into the same old stable Abolition faction from whence they started from.

We want to see this, and, whilst it is going on we want to see the honest portion of those who have acted with the Republican party drop their peculiar notions on the subject of slavery, and join in the formation of a party that is truly national both in principle and geographical location.

[Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.]

MURDER TRIAL IN TAYLOR CO.

GREENSBURG, KY., Sept. 3, 1858.

The case of Commonwealth vs Geo. Hunter, William Sodusky, Benjamin Hunter, Thomas, and Elijah Hunter, for the murder and robbery of Henry Simmons of Taylor county, on the night of the 30th May, 1857, came on here on last Wednesday a week, it being the regular session of our circuit court. Hunter, it will be recollected, had been tried in the Shelbyville court, and convicted of murder, and the result there being a hung jury—11 for hanging and 1 for acquittal. Since that time Hunter escaped, as we had to this county. Hunter being first on docket, his case was called, and upon his continuance in his case was made by defense and granted by the court. Next came Thompson. After some preliminary arrangements the parties agreed to go into the trial of his case. A jury was made up on the following day, and the trial has been progressing until yesterday evening late, the pleadings having been had to-day. After supper last night the Judge instructed the jury, and they retired immediately to the jury room, from which they returned in a very short time and retired to their lodgings. The morning at 8 o'clock they returned to the court house, and announced to the court that they were ready to bring in a verdict. In a few moments they came in, and to their astonishment the prisoner was brought in and seated before them, when the Judge directed them to rise (both jury and prisoner), and directed the foreman, Mr. Thompson, to "look upon the prisoner and answer whether he is guilty or not guilty." To this the gentleman answered in a distinct and firm manner, "We pronounce him *guilty*," which after reading the verdict, &c., the prisoner was ordered back to jail, and will, it is understood, leave the settlement this evening. Never perhaps was a case more fully made out by circumstantial evidence, and never was a case of circumstances more so could not leave a reasonable doubt of guilt or a possibility of innocence. The bar had a fine ground to work upon, made a masterly effort and have fully and ably done their duty. Any thing that could be done was not neglected by the prosecution. The prisoner has borne up well, seemed to bear their confinement with patience and fortitude and deported themselves through the whole trial in such a manner as might be expected of intelligent, honest, and virtuous men, feeling the great responsibility resting upon them and determined to do their duty. A BYSTANDER.

The testimony in Hunter's case implicated all the others accused in the murder.

The Henderson Commercial of last Tuesday says that "since the recent rains, the tobacco crop has sensibly improved. All that is now needed are some warm days and late frosts to insure a fine crop of this staple." The Clarksville Jeffersonian says:

During the afternoon of Friday the 27th a very destructive hail storm occurred in the southern portion of Todd and the northern portion of Logan. It was particularly destructive in the neighborhood of Lafayette. The tobacco crop was greatly injured, and some fields were totally ruined. We have heard of one crop of thirty acres, which was so much injured that the owner sold out for $50. It is rumored that the storm embraced a large extent of country, and extended in to the vicinity of Russellville, but we have no confirmation of the report.

The Boston Courier, in a recent article on Central American affairs, says:

In justice to ourselves, we cannot, by treaty or by sufferance, permit either England or France to encroach upon a country where it is so important to our interests that a foreign power should obtain dominion. It may be that a wise policy on our part will demand the exclusion of all European influence from the Central American portion of this continent.

We think not. It is scarcely possible that a "wise policy" will ever demand what our statesmen for the last quarter of a century, without regard to section or party, have pronounced the acme of folly. It is highly improbable that even the policy of Buchanan will demand it

It is an unquestionable fact that the number of government employees at Washington is unnecessarily and ridiculously large. "Biddy, did you put an egg in this miserable coffee to settle it?" "Yes, mam, I put in four; they were so bad I had to use more of them."

PARTICULARS OF THE NEW YORK QUARANTINE RIOTS.—The Journal of Commerce of Thursday evening has the following account of this affair:

The destruction of the quarantine buildings on Staten Island by fire last night exhibits a most reckless determination on the part of the people in that vicinity to get rid of the quarantine there, and an inhuman disregard of the life and health of the unfortunate patients who were receiving medical treatment at that establishment. The first alarm in advance of the opposition to a quarantine on Staten Island, which has heretofore manifested itself in several riotous ways, was not unexpected. The recent cases of yellow fever occurring outside of the quarantine walls, the stoppage of the ferryboats from making their landing at quarantine dock, and the passage by the Castleton Board of Health on Thursday of a series of ordinances striking directly at the efficiency of the administration of quarantine affairs, and the application by the New York Commissioner of Health for an injunction to restrain the Staten Islanders from interfering with the Health officer and his prerogatives, all contributed to stimulate the ferocity of the mob to their last outrage against the laws of the State and the ordinary dictates of humanity. It is to be hoped that the State will immediately take measures to vindicate its insulted dignity, and call the perpetrators of this monstrous crime to a strict account. The State has been troubled long enough by those anti quarantine ruffians.

The facts, as nearly as we can learn them, are as follows: A thousand men, of whom many were recognized as residents at Castleton and others from New Brighton, commenced an assault upon the western wall of the quarantine grounds, about 9½ P. M., on Thursday. They had undoubtedly selected that evening for their infamous work, on account of the simultaneous occurrence of the great telegraph jubilee in New York, which, it was probably supposed, would attract many of the officers and subordinates of the quarantine establishment, and thus leave the buildings completely unprotected. Besides, the police would be at that time engaged in the city and a posse would not be very promptly dispatched to the scene of riot.

Dr. Bissel, the resident physician, hearing the noise, and suspecting what it was about, went down to the spot where the rioters were breaking through, and tried to reason with them. Doctor had a gun but did not use it. He was set upon by the ruffians, knocked down, and his gun taken from him. The Doctor proceeded to the residence of Dr. Thompson, health officer, and told him what was going on. Dr. T. immediately gave the alarm to the stevedores, who live within the quarantine enclosure, who armed themselves, but made no attempt to drive back the advancing rioters—the latter outnumbering them about twenty to one. In the meantime, some persons set fire to the Small Pox Hospital, in which there were no patients, they having been removed to a neighboring dwelling while the hospital was undergoing cleaning and repairs. The fire was kindled by means of a straw bed thrust under the piazza, and the building, being a wooden one, (two stories) was soon burned to the ground. When the fire broke out an alarm was raised, and one or more engines came down from the village. They were of no service, however, in putting out the fire, as the mob cut the hose.

Eight shanties, 20x100 feet in size, were next fired, and were soon enveloped in flames. One of these were patients sick with the yellow fever, small pox, and other diseases. Most of them were removed by the rioters to the Lower Hospital, but some, who were left, were burned to death, and where they remained all night and suffered injuries from this inhuman exposure which may prove fatal. Among the victims of this atrocity was one woman, sick with the yellow fever, who lay all night on the grass covered only by a piece of canvas.

The coal house was next pitched upon by the incendiaries and burned, with 600 tons of coal.

The baggage house and engine house—in the latter of which there were 250 feet of hose and other things—were destroyed.

While this wide spread conflagration was raging another party of freebooters, under Thomas Thompson's lead, fired the Hotel. That building was also laid in ruins. Mrs. Thompson was sick at the time and had to be carried out on a chair. She was removed at great peril to Mrs. Forrestam's house. Dr. Jackson's residence was next set fire to, his library, but excited in rescuing only a few books. The Doctor's property was insured for $6,000.

Dr. Walker, Deputy Health Officer, and Dr. Walson, Hospital Physician, and the stewards, exerted themselves nobly to put out the fires, but with no avail; the rioters had everything their own way.

The mob then proceeded to the "St. Nicholas"—a large stone building occupied by patients, which was fired and soon burned down. The barn, dead house, carriage house, and outbuildings were also destroyed. The barn was full of hay, and there was one wagon in it. The fire was kindled by the rioters rushed the dead cart into the flames and burned that also.

The rioters made no disguise of their diabolical intentions. They took straw beds, set them on fire, and carried the burning masses to the building and placed them under the piazza, where they soon accomplished the work of destruction.

Second Toddy, of the Harbor Police, was present at the riot with a few of his men, but could do nothing to prevent the outbreaking odds. He sent word to Wash. O'Brien with five men to the city, in one of the police boats, to get aid.

The boat on its passage was nearly upset by an enormous sturgeon, weighing about 100 pounds, which leaped into the little craft, considerably to the terror of the party. The interpreter was captured and killed. Mr. O'Brien arrived in the city at a late hour, and called upon Deputy Superintendent Carpenter, but the Deputy could only promise to send down 100 men in the morning. It was thought too late at that hour to do any good by dispatching aid to the scene of riot.

The only hospital now standing on the ground is the large white house building.

THE VERY LATEST.—The New York Times, of Friday morning, has the following:

The Work of Destruction Completed—The Sick Laid on the Ground and Scorched by the Heat of the Burning Buildings.

TOMPKINSVILLE, S. I., Thursday—Midnight.

My last dispatch left the meeting dissolved, and its various elements engaged in congregating in small knots about the street. At 10 o'clock, a movement up the street soon took the entire company away from the bar-room of Barns' Hotel. Parties, with torches in hand and carrying bundles of hay, moved up the street, followed by the crowd. At 10:30 P. M. they entered the block of cottages, occupied by the Doctor's boatmen, at the west end of the Quarantine enclosure. Kindling the main street, which leads up from the ferry. All the loose materials about the house, such as the banister rails, steps, shutters, &c., were piled inside one of the rooms, and a can of hay piled upon the fire. Coal oil was applied, and the flames began to ascend, but it burned very slowly. More combustibles were now piled on, holes were cut in the floor, and camphene was added to the mass; the whole was stirred up, and soon the whole was enveloped in flames. They poured out at the windows, and mounted up to the roof, at which the crowd rent the air with approving shouts and laughter. The same process was then gone through with in the adjoining house, and it was also in full blast. They next turned their attention to the hospital, which, by the kind permission of Health Officer, who moved his furniture out this afternoon. The door was broken in after much effort, shutters wrenched from their hinges, the windows demolished, and a pile of rosin, pitch, tar, and hay placed on the piazza, and soon mounted to the work overhead. Other persons went into the attic and set it on fire, and in five minutes the beautiful little cottage was burning from top to bottom. This work was performed in the most deliberate manner, and no attempt whatever is made at concealment. Ray Tompkins and Tom Garrett, are the leaders, and their orders are implicitly obeyed. They are backed Dr. Bissell's house. The prime torch-bearer was about applying his instrument to the gateway, when the word was passed by some one, "Save the furniture!" The fire was extinguished, and it was brought out a small table and chair; this was the extent of their efforts. The torch was applied to the intlammable mass in the front room, and at the same time the fire broke out in the rear of the building is more than half consumed. The church-bell was rung as is common when an alarm of fire is intended; the engine company came with their machine, but in a short time left the ground and left the burning dwellings, and the firemen, or those who wore the firemen's hats then busied themselves in throwing materials upon the fire, and otherwise aiding in the work of destruction. While I am writing on, mock cells are made for water, the firemen rush up and down the street, making hoarse outcries which nobody understands or cares to. The whole scene is one of the most horrible farce which it has ever been my fortune to witness. There will no doubt be a clean sweep made of every building inside of the second inclosure, including the only remaining Hospital. The Government buildings—the little offices occupied by the Inspectors will be left intact. The Government have sixty marines to protect them. With the other matter—the burning of the State property—I have dealt with already. It has been distinctly stated by the officers who speak by authority.

The Hospital is now on fire, (12:10 o'clock,) and the flames are bursting through the roof.

What is being done to preserve the lives of the helpless sick within its walls, I do not know. God preserve them!

P. S.—2 A.M.—The sick have been taken from the Hospital, and are left upon the ground in the angle formed by the wall, and Dr. Bissel's fence. Unless removed from here, I fear they will perish when the Hospital is fully on fire. The flames are now now bursting from the roof.

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THE AFRICA'S NEWS.

The Asia would take the place of the Europa, and sail from Liverpool for Halifax and Boston on the 28th of August.

It is now an established fact, says the London Times of the 21st, that we can communicate between London and the New World— ending a message and receiving an answer back—in two hours and a half. We publish this morning the particulars of such a communication received from St. Johns in reply to inquiry put from London at 5 o'clock yesterday evening. The answer was received at half-past 7. Even this short space of time will be diminished to an almost infinitesimal moment as soon as the machinery is brought more entirely into gear. At present the delay arises from the comparative slowness with which signals can be forwarded along the single line. But what a wonderful result has been thus achieved even as matters stand at present! It is a gratifying circumstance that the first message which has been forwarded to us under the waves of the Atlantic is calculated to dispel the anxiety of the friends and relatives of all passengers on board the steamers Europa and Arabia at the time of the collision.

Mr. Dallas, the American Minister, had an interview with the Earl of Derby on the 19th of August.

At a meeting of the Liverpool Workhouse Committee, it was reported that during the week not fewer than 35 paupers had arrived in Liverpool from the United States. Of these 29 were natives of Ireland, 3 of Germany, and 3 of England. Mr. Denton, one of the members of the Committee, stated that they had been shipped in one vessel, and that though their passage money had been paid by the American authorities, on their arrival, the paupers were quite destitute, and became chargeable upon the Liverpool parish. Mr. Denton also stated that seven of these persons were lunatics, and that their care and maintenance would cost the parish a great deal more than that of ordinary paupers. No definite action was taken upon the report.

Col. R. C. Moody, R. E., at present commanding the Royal Engineers in North Britain, and formerly the highly successful Lieut. Governor of the Falkland Islands, which he, with a party of his corps, prepared for colonization between 1841 and 1848, has, we have reason to believe, won the Globe, been appointed Lieutenant Governor and Commander in-Chief of the new North American Colony of British Columbia. The gallant Colonel, at an early date, will proceed to assume the duties of his new government, embarking at Southampton, and proceeding to the colony via Chagres and Panama.

A very curious incident occurred when the paying out commenced in mid ocean. The splice had been made, and the cable was being lowered over the sterns of the vessels, when, a little before it touched the water, a sea-gull, fatigued, no doubt, after a long flight, perched on it, and his claws getting fast in the tar with which the cable was coated, he was unable to extricate them, so that the bird was dragged down under water and drowned. He made desperate efforts to save himself, but to no purpose, as he stuck fast, and when he finally went down, under his despiring screams sounded far across the waters. The strangeness of the occurrence, and the terrible agony of the poor bird, caused some sensation on board the ships.

The Paris correspondent of the Times, in a letter dated Thursday evening, says: The Plenipotentiaries meet at 2 o'clock to-day to sign the convention which has been settled. The Czar sent out to-day a difficult discussion. It is strongly reported here that this document will be almost immediately published (doubtless in the Moniteur), without waiting for its ratification, and that it will be followed by a circular addressed to make at Rennes, the Emperor will announce the satisfactory termination of the labors of the Paris Congress.

All the Madrid journals, without exception of party, treat as absurd the supposition emanating from the American press that Spain can ever think of ceding Cuba to the United States.

A report was current, and said to be accredited at Berlin, that the King of Prussia will resume the reins of government on the 1st of October, but that on the 15th of the same month he will solemnly abdicate in favor of the Prince.

A Berlin letter says: The meeting between the Queen of England and the Princess Frederick Wilhelm, has been very affecting. The Princess sprang into the railway carriage to her royal mother, and the two remained clasped in each other's arms for some time, unable to speak.

Accounts from Constantinople state that the epidemic which has been entirely suppressed in the city, is now confined to the suburbs. The mortality is still very great, but is gradually diminishing.

[From the London Times, August 20.]

Bombardment of Djidda.—We publish the account which we have received by telegraph of the bombardment of Djidda, but we are bound to add that, as far as our present information extends, we know not what it was that provoked it, and what has been brought out a small table and chair; this was the extent of their efforts. The torch was applied to the inflammable mass in the front room, and at the same time the fire broke out in the rear of the building is more than half consumed. The church-bell was rung as is common when an alarm of fire is intended; the engine company came with their machine, but in a short time left the ground and left the burning dwellings, and the firemen, or those who wore the firemen's hats then busied themselves in throwing materials upon the fire, and otherwise aiding in the work of destruction. While I am writing on, mock cells are made for water, the firemen rush up and down the street, making hoarse outcries which nobody understands or cares to. The whole scene is one of the most horrible farce which it has ever been my fortune to witness. There will no doubt be a clean sweep made of every building inside of the second inclosure, including the only remaining Hospital. The Government buildings—the little offices occupied by the Inspectors will be left intact. The Government have sixty marines to protect them. With the other matter—the burning of the State property—I have dealt with already. It has been distinctly stated by the officers who speak by authority.

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It seems pretty evident that Mr. Buchanan and his officials used the people's money quite freely to bribe the passage of Lecompton through Congress, and the proof is perfect. The conduct of the administration in awarding a contract for iron pipes to be used in supplying Washington city with water, which was given to a party favorite, at more than the minimum price for which practical mechanics proposed to furnish them, has been the subject of much indignant comment. This job was given by the contractor to a Scotch manufacturer at Glasgow, and the successful bidder in this case was Owen Jones, a Lecompton member of Congress from Pennsylvania! This shows how legislators were paid for stultifying themselves and deceiving their constituents, even at the expense of the great manufacturing interests of our country. The Scotch manufacturers are fulfilling their sub-contract, while all the Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey foonderies, which were able to fill the contract, were refused the work, and, in consequence of this award, it is said that orders to the amount of 5,000 tons of iron have been countermanded to furnaces on the Lehigh. There is a double wrong in this conduct; it is wrong to send

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THE SLAVERY QUESTION IN THE ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN.—We have said, and concisely shown, that the position of Senator Douglas on the question of slavery in the Territories, as announced in his Freeport speech, is unmeasurably worse than the position of Mr. Lincoln on the same question. And we now intend to show it no clearly that neither want of thought nor want of candor will or can prevent its comprehension.

The simple comparison of the two positions as stated by the respective champions themselves realizes all controversy to rest. We have already made the comparison in our columns, but, for the sake of distinctness, we beg to repeat it. Let our readers mark it closely. Mr. Lincoln says:

> I am impliedly, if not expressly, pledged to a belief in the right and duty of Congress to prohibit slavery in all the United States Territories.

Senator Douglas defines his position as follows:

> I answer emphatically, as Mr. Lincoln has heard me answer a hundred times on every stump in Illinois, that in my opinion the people of a Territory can by lawful means exclude slavery before it comes into as a State. Mr. Lincoln knew that I had given that answer over and over again. He heard me argue the Nebraska bill on that principle all over the State in 1854–'56, and he has now no excuse to pretend to have any doubt upon that subject. Whatever the Supreme Court may hereafter decide as to the abstract question of whether slavery may go in under the constitution or not, the people of a Territory have the lawful means to admit it or exclude it as they please, for the reason that slavery cannot exist a day or an hour anywhere unless supported by local police regulations, furnishing remedies and means for enforcing the right to hold slaves. Those local and police regulations can only be furnished by the local Legislature. If the people of the Territory are opposed to slavery they will elect members to the Legislature who will adopt unfriendly legislation to it. If they are for it they will adopt the legislative measures friendly to slavery. Hence no matter what may be the decision of the Supreme Court on that abstract question, still the right of the people to make it a slave Territory or a free Territory is perfect and complete under the Nebraska bill.

We hope that it is quite unnecessary to reiterate our profound and total dissent from the belief to which Mr. Lincoln says he is pledged. We entertain no such belief. On the contrary, we hold, as we have ever held, that Congress cannot prohibit slavery in the Territories without violating both its right and duty. On this point there are no two opinions in the South. All parties, with respect to it, are a unit. And we say over again with entire frankness to Mr. Lincoln and his Republican colleagues in the North that we can never, even for the glorious and patriotic purpose of expelling the vandal Democracy from the Government, consent to act for a moment with a political organization that makes his doctrine in this particular an article of its creed. We repudiate his position entirely and utterly. Yet, as we have said before, his position, wrong and indefensible as it is, is still but just and statesmanlike compared with that of Senator Douglas. We now beg our readers to consider the two deliberately and dispassionately, with reference, first, to the opinion of the Supreme Court of the nation; secondly, to the past as well as current public opinion of the South; thirdly, to the received maxims of public faith; and, lastly, to the reason and justice of the case. We intend to show that as respects at least three of these four criteria Senator Douglas's position is more exceptionable than Mr. Lincoln's is, and that as respects the remaining one it is as unexceptionable as his. If we succeed in doing this, we shall of course deprive Senator Douglas of all shadow of rightful title to the respect and sympathy of Southern men. And the task is certainly by no means a difficult one.

The opinion of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case asserts not only that Congress has no power to prohibit or abolish slavery in the Territories, or to confer power for that purpose on the Territorial Governments, but that no tribunal acting under the authority of Congress can rightfully withhold from slavery the necessary regulations for its protection. "We are satisfied," is the language of the opinion, "that no one who reads attentively the page in Peter's Reports to which we have referred can suppose that the Court meant in that case to say that Congress had a right to prohibit a citizen of the United States from taking *any* property which he lawfully held into a Territory of the United States. And if Congress itself cannot do this—*if it is beyond the powers conferred on the Federal Government*—it will be admitted, we presume, *that it could not authorize a Territorial Government to exercise them.* And if the Constitution recognizes the right of property of the master in the slave, and makes no distinction between that description of property and other property owned by a citizen, no tribunal, acting under the authority of the United States, whether it be LEGISLATIVE executive, or judicial, *has a right to draw such a distinction*, OR INTENT *to lift the benefit of the provisions and guarantees which have been provided for the protection of private property against the encroachments of the Government.* This is equally explicit on all the points involved. "And no word," adds the Court, "can be found in the Constitution which gives Congress a greater power over slave property, or which entitles property of that kind to less protection. The only power conferred, is THE POWER COUPLED WITH THE DUTY OF GUARDING AND PROTECTING THE OWNER IN HIS RIGHTS." The opinion of the Supreme Court thus absolutely denies the existence anywhere under the constitution of the power to prohibit or abolish slavery in the Territories. Senator Douglas, in the teeth of this opinion, declares that the people of the Territories possess such power, and may lawfully use it; while Mr. Lincoln, in like manner, asserts that Congress possesses the power, and ought to exercise it. Neither position finds the slightest shelter under the authority of the Court. The opinion of that august tribunal distinctly condemns them both. So far, the worst that can be said of Senator Douglas's position is that it is no better than Mr. Lincoln's. But here the equality of evil stops. As bad in this one respect, Senator Douglas's position is in every other inconstestibly the more vile and pestilent.

For what are the two positions respectively when translated into the familiar language of our current politics? Mr. Lincoln avows his belief in the right and duty of Congress to prohibit slavery in the Territories. That, in common political parlance, it is unpardonous to say, is *Wilmot Provisoism*—nothing less, nothing more. Senator Douglas proclaims that the people of the Territories, as such, may of themselves lawfully prohibit or abolish slavery, notwithstanding the decision of the Supreme Court to the contrary. In other words, while admitting that according to the opinion of the Supreme Court the people of the Territories have no power to prohibit or abolish slavery by direct legislation, he asserts that they may lawfully withhold protection from the rights of slaveholders, and thus by indirection extinguish the institution with as much certainty, if not despatch, as if there were no decision or opinion of the Supreme Court to the way. That, as everybody will perceive at a glance, is *squatter sovereignty*—in a form, however, more flagrant and revolting than, so far as we know, has ever before been announced by any politician of consequence in the country. But, putting aside this loathsome aggravation for the moment, what, we ask, has heretofore been the comparative scorn and destestation meted out by the public opinion of the South to those twin heresies of the North? We shall make no tedious citations on this point. We should, indeed, almost as soon think of citing specific testimony in proof of the existence of the pro-slavery feeling itself at the South. We simply appeal to the consciousness of Southern men. Which is and has ever been held the more odious and execrable in Southern eyes, the Wilmot Proviso or squatter sovereignty? Which did Calhoun, that aye and soul of the South, conceive the more fatal as well as the more obnoxious of the two? Upon which has every other Southern leader, without respect to party, uniformly poured forth his choicest denunciation as the sum and substance of the malignant Northern devices ever projected against the rights and the welfare of the South? From which do the Southern masses of all shades of political belief turn with the deepest and most scornful abhorrence? There can be but one answer to all these questions. The lowest shyn of Southern contempt is notoriously occupied by squatter sovereignty. The fact is as patent and as unquestionable as the existence of the air we breathe. No one in his senses will think of disputing it. With what supreme, unutterable loathing and disgust, then, must every Southern man regard the mean and faithless and slippery form of squatter sovereignty which Senator Douglas avows in his Freeport speech. If squatter sovereignty, pure and simple, is worse than the Wilmot Proviso, as the whole South believes and has constantly declared, how infinitely worse than that offensive restriction must the corrupt and insidious squatter sovereignty of Douglas be. Mr. Lincoln's position, false as it is, almost stanches and cuts off respectability from the falser and more abominable doctrine of his antagonist.

Unquestionably a doctrine so thoroughly scandalous and contemptible in every respect was never before earnestly propounded by a politician of Senator Douglas's weight to the nation. Its open and shameless violation of the most ordinary precepts of public morality is shocking. In this respect the superiority of Mr. Lincoln's position is conspicuous. Indeed, it would be scarcely incorrect to say that in this particular his position is the opposite of Senator Douglas's. Mr. Lincoln asserts his belief in the right and duty of Congress to do what in common with very many Southern men he believes it possesses the constitutional power to do. Senator Douglas asserts that Congress, or the Territorial Legislature for which action Congress is responsible, has the same thing indirectly, while acknowledging that the Constitution prohibits Congress from doing it directly. Mr. Lincoln holds simply that Congress ought to exercise a power which he thinks it possesses; Senator Douglas holds that the Territorial Legislatures, which declare their authority from Congress, may lawfully exercise a power which he admits that neither Congress nor the Territorial Legislature themselves possess. Professing to bow loyally to the decision of the Supreme Court, which denies the power either of the people of the Territories or of Congress to prohibit or abolish slavery, he declares, in effect, that this people of a Territory have the lawful means to admit it or exclude it as they please." Conceding that the Constitution prohibits the Territorial Legislatures from abolishing slavery, he contends that it is perfectly lawful and constitutional for them to "adopt unfriendly legislation to it," under which it "cannot exist a day or an hour." Mr. Lincoln, be it observed, denies that the Constitution restricts Congress in the matter of slavery in the Territories; Senator Douglas admits the restriction, but holds that it may be lawfully and effectually nullified by the Territorial Legislatures, though acting under the authority of Congress. The difference in favor of Mr. Lincoln is very striking. Mr. Lincoln's position, however unjust and untenable, is at least consistent with itself, and, regarded from his own point of view, infringes no rule of law or principle of public faith. The position of Senator Douglas, on the contrary, involves the contradiction of affirming that a clear provision of the Constitution may be lawfully defied, and, in the same affirmation, laughs to scorn that good faith which constitutes a fundamental and necessary element of the social system—an element without which, indeed, the whole vast fabric of government and of society would speedily tumble into chaos. It is this unblushing obliquity that so distinguishes Douglas's position with us from every other. It is not an error as a man of average wisdom and patriotism exposed to the constant influences of that sectional jealousy and resentment which Senator Douglas has done more than any other living man to foment might naturally entertain. It is an error that a Northern man of fair intelligence might honestly cherish. We have no reason to doubt that Mr. Lincoln himself cherishes it in all sincerity. But it is impossible to extend equal charity to Senator Douglas. His position involves an error of a darker die—an error that approximates the line of a crime. The doctrine he proclaims is not merely false, but sneaking, perfidious, and immoral. It is criminally false. It rests on the villainous assumption that all is fair in law and politics, and culminates in the not less villainous conclusion that the acknowledged intent of the constitution as well as the solemn mandate of the Supreme Court may be lawfully and properly disregarded through any process of judicial construction adible enough to evade the letter of authority. It applies the mocking ethics of Portia to the most urgent and critical question of our politics, granting the slaveholder bir naked technical rights in the Territories of the Union, but denying him the means of enforcing them. It tramples coarsely and insolently on the obligations of public faith by treating the slaveholders of the South as a gang of Shylocks entitled to no more than the narrowest and closest and most hyper literal construction of the "bond" will give them. It is a low, sophistical, pettifogging, faithless, cutchpenny, graceless, nefarious doctrine, more worthy of the wits of the legal partner in a swindling firm than of the mind of a statesman. No thoroughly honest man of sound reason can gravely entertain it. The thing is a moral impossibility. Mr. Lincoln's doctrine is incorrect, unfair, and completely inadmissible; Senator Douglas's doctrine is all that, and more, and dishonest and dishonorable besides.

Detestable as it seems and is in its aspects under which we have viewed it, however, there is another in which, if possible, its real vileness appears still more glaringly. Senator Douglas's position is a wretched, amazing tissue of injustice and absurdity. It outrages reason and justice as grossly as it flouts the constitution and public morals. Mr. Lincoln's position raises merely a question of plain constitutional construction. He is wrong, but not preposterous. Senator Douglas is both. His position is scandalously illogical. The doctrine of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case is that the power of governing the Territories exists in Congress. This is unquestionably the correct doctrine. We are not aware that it is disputed by any one. It, however, follows necessarily that the Territorial Governments are the creatures of Congress, deriving their powers from that body, and accountable to it for the just exercise of them. Whatever the Territorial Governments do, they of course do as the agents of Congress, which is responsible for their acts, repealing or confirming them at its sovereign discretion, subject always to the constitution. Well, the Supreme Court has declared its opinion that Congress under the constitution has no power to prohibit slavery in the Territories. And Senator Douglas makes it a point on all occasions to prostrate himself before that opinion. Yet he says that the people of the Territories through the Territorial Governments may lawfully admit slavery or exclude it as they please. That is, the agent may lawfully do what it is treason or revolution for the principal to attempt. This is lifting the stream above its fountain with a vengeance. It is downright nonsense, among other things, which we shall not now repeat. But, dismissing this point, the relative practical injustice of the two doctrines is, after all, perhaps, the great controlling view. Contemplating the same end, as both do, the difference in this respect must of course relate mainly to their efficiency. Mr. Lincoln resigns the task of prohibiting slavery in the Territories to Congress; Senator Douglas hands it over to the squatters in the Territories. Before we look to results, however, it is proper to briefly contrast the agencies which are to produce them. The effect cannot be more unlike in its voluntary. On the one hand we have the full Congress of the nation, composed of representatives of every section and of every interest of the whole Union; on the other we have a handful of settlers, perchance from a single State, it may be from a few counties of a single State, possibly, nay, probably, the first installment of some enterprising Emigrant Aid Society, fresh from the strongholds of Northern Abolition. We need not ask Southern men which of these bodies they would prefer to sit in judgment on their constitutional rights, if they must submit to either. The question would be an insult. Now, let us consider for a moment the actual operation of the rival agencies. Suppose that Mr. Lincoln has occupied the seat he is struggling so industriously to attain, and, at the opening of the next session of Congress, should introduce a bill prohibiting slavery in all the Territories of the United States, or any one of them. What would follow? Why, manifestly, owing to the practical political stamp of the Senate, if not to the intrinsic injustice of the measure itself, it would fail at once, with an emphasis that would lay it flat for years, if not forever. It is by no means certain that it would not fail as decisively even in the House. Our decided conviction is that it would. At all events it would encounter so vigorous and enlightened a resistance there that its passage, if effected, would possess the significance and wear the air of defeat. It would be a moral triumph for the friends of the constitutional rights of the South, presaging a more substantial triumph in the future, if the contest should be renewed. Of this we feel little doubt. However, admitting that the bill would promptly pass both Houses of Congress, and receive the signature of the President, neither of which is possible, the Supreme Court, in that event, would pronounce the law unconstitutional, and that would be the end of it, at least until such time as the Supreme Court should be reorganized by a Republican majority, and so constituted as to reflect their political creed in its decisions—a contingency that might occur at a distance of a long time of which we are entirely and blissfully incredulous. The movement, we believe, is too deeply repugnant to the moral sense of the conservative men of the North, too monstrous, too unpeakably abhorrent, ever to be inaugurated, much less consummated. The thing is mere reckless gasconade. Thus, for a long period certainly, and probably for all time, the practical force of Mr. Lincoln's doctrine must of necessity be next to nothing. It is, therefore, unless coupled with a relentless crusade against the Supreme Court, as it is not now, and as, we confidently trust, it will never be, practically, what we have called it, an idle crotchet. If Mr. Lincoln recognizes the authority of the Supreme Court, and will wage no political warfare against the decisions of that tribunal, his private opinion on the point in question is a matter of very little public concern. He can cherish it without great harm to anybody. Not so with the doctrine of his competitor. That, besides being essentially the more pernicious, is as full armed for evil now as it will ever be. Under it the first three or four hundred adventurers who happen to squat in any given Territory, having the "lawful means" to exclude slavery in force as they please, may at any moment with entire legal propriety snap their fingers in the face of the whole South and of Congress, and of the Constitution and the Supreme Court in the bargain. It makes the rabble sovereign to-day. Congress, in Senator Douglas's opinion, has no right to interfere for the protection of slavery in the Territories, and the Territorial Legislatures are not bound to do so. Thus between the two the rights of slaveholders in the Territories may, in his judgment, be lawfully nullified, extinguished, swept away. A more utter and insulting mockery is beyond the reach of invention. Look more closely at the doctrine in practice. Suppose, for example, that a company of settlers should set out from the crowded cities of some New England State for the new territory of Arizona. Arrived there, and constituting the majority of the population, they refuse, through the Territorial Legislature which they elect, to enact the slave code necessary to protect the slaveholder's property—to furnish those "local police regulations" without which Senator Douglas says that "slavery cannot exist a day or an hour." The institution, supposing it to have taken root, languishes under this deadly neglect. Congress is besought to correct the culpable obstinacy of its agent; but, to record the strong if not preponderating anti-slavery feeling in one branch of that body, Senator Douglas, Ajax Telamon, rises in the other, and declares with stunning emphasis that Congress has no right to interfere in the matter, that this Territorial Legislature is exercising a perfectly legal right of non-action, and that, furthermore, the slaveholder, having got what is "nominated in the bond," should be content. And Congress adopts his view. What, in such an event can the slaveholder do? What becomes of his rights? They vanish like mist before the morning. And what we have represented in this hypothetical case, may, under the sway of Senator Douglas's doctrine, occur in every actual case. A squad of immigrants from New York or Boston may with impunity destroy and trample upon rights which the American people through their highest judicial tribunal have declared sacred from the touch of Congress itself. We only solicit the reader to ponder a political faith and bravery to produce a doctrine more completely infamous. Here too, nay, here especially, Mr. Lincoln's position, though false and hateful, grows all but tolerable in the deeper baseness of Senator Douglas's. If the one is exceptionable, the other surely is insufferable.

Such, to sum up in a word, is the despicable character of Senator Douglas's position on the only really controverted point of the slavery question. We are confident we but express the judgment of every rational Southern man when we pronounce it, on the whole, as we think it, immeasurably worse than Mr. Lincoln's position on the same point. Equally contradicting the opinion of the Supreme Court, it outrages the public opinion of the South, violates the principles of good faith, and sets reason and justice at defiance, in a degree which Mr. Lincoln's position does not approach. It is beyond comparison the most atrocious political heresy of the day.

And now, who is Senator Douglas, that our political friends in the South or elsewhere should feel the remotest sympathy with him? What is he, that this foul and stupendous heresy of his should be overlooked and the hopes and energies of Whigs and Americans anywhere be given to him rather than to his Republican opponent? Is he a patriot and statesman of such lofty character and such splendid services that he should inspire our sympathies regardless of his opinion? Is he such a mirror of political genius and purity that we should pardon everything for the sake of his own brilliant self-derivation? Or is he so ardent and self-sacrificing a champion of our principles generally as to entitle him to forbearance and even to the most active charity in this one awful defection? None of all these. Senator Douglas is not a spotless patriot; still less is he a statesman. He has performed no signal services to the state; but, on the contrary, he has, as well as the state is at this moment bending under the weight of the sore evil he has wrought it. He is a native Democrat of the radical stamp, and has spent his whole public life in bitter and unscrupulous opposition to the political principles we hold most dear and vital. He is at war, fierce and uncompromising war, with Whigs and Americans on every question of administrative policy which divides the great parties of the country, and he announces his intention to continue the strife with unabated spirit, as he most undoubtedly will. His controversy with the Administration, that at one time seemed big with the fate of the Democracy, has dwindled down to the proportions of mere personal pique on the part of the President, which, considering the President's rapidly failing fortunes, is of more real service to him than the blandest of Executive smiles. It augments his own popularity, while it diminishes Mr. Buchanan's, even at the South. He must be an indifferent observer of affairs who does not see that Douglas is to-day the true head and hope of the demoralized and dispirited cohorts of Locofocoism. He is the strongest spirit, if not the destined captain, of the desperate forces the opposition will have to encounter in 1860. We have nothing to expect from him but hard blows skillfully planted; yet nothing to fear, unless we lamentously suffer him to enlist our favor. To that he has no single title under heaven. Not one. If we cannot lend our countenance to Mr. Lincoln, as at present we most assuredly cannot, we should scorn to touch Senator Douglas with a forty foot pole. Mr. Lincoln, himself an ancient Whig, agrees with the Whigs and Americans on every existing question of moment, except that of slavery; and, as we have just unanswerably shown, he holds far less objectionable views even on the slavery question than Senator Douglas does. He is, moreover, a member of the opposition, not of the Democracy; and, in the approaching national canvass, will probably be our ally, certainly not our most formidable adversary. If, notwithstanding this, we feel constrained to withhold our aid and sympathy from Mr. Lincoln because he believes in the right and duty of Congress to prohibit slavery in the Territories, with what color of propriety or decency can we offer both aid and sympathy to Senator Douglas, the life-long, violent enemy of our principles, who believes in the *right of the squatters in the Territories to do the same thing?* We desire to be entirely respectful, but really it seems to us that the anxiety a few of our political friends in the South appear to cherish for the success of Senator Douglas is the most irrational, wofully misplaced solicitude we have ever known in our whole lives. How it is that any discerning man at once a friend to Southern rights and a foe to the political creed of Senator Douglas can entertain a warm desire for his triumph is and will perhaps always be a mystery to us.

☞It seems, that, at the very time when the city of New York was celebrating with tremendous enthusiasm the laying of the submarine cable, the cable itself was perfectly useless and had been so for some days. Not a word can be transmitted between Valentia and Trinity Bays—and nobody at Trinity is able to tell why. The electrical current has died out, and we have no expectation that it will ever be restored.

Our own opinion, founded perhaps upon insufficient data, is, that the ocean has at some point penetrated to the copper wires of the cable. We have fully expected and frequently predicted this ever since we saw a small section of the cable that was recovered after having been submerged. There had evidently been a terrible strain upon it. The twisted wires constituting its surface were almost entirely straightened out, and the gutta percha was exposed between them. We thought it self-evident that two thousand miles of cable in such a condition could not long remain serviceable at the bottom of the Atlantic. If a cable can be laid just as it comes from the manufactory, perhaps it may last forever. We have no doubt that this might be done, but we much doubt whether it will be for a good while to come.

Messrs. Field, Hudson, and Dayman didn't get their ovation a day too soon. If the telegraphic operators at Trinity Bay hadn't carefully kept for some days the secret of the cessation of the electrical current, all the fine doings in New York would have been sadly interfered with.

MORE TREASURY PLUNDER.—The Washington States says certain facts have come into its possession which will enable it, before the meeting of Congress, to show up, in its true light, the *monstrous* claim on the Treasury of the United States, amounting to over $50,000,000 for the war debt in Oregon. The States adds: "A combination of men, in high and low positions, composed of bankers, and, it is said, Senators, and their abettors, are getting, or have already got, the control of this immense claim, and will attempt to force it through Congress at the next session. There speculators, we understand, have had their agents at work in Oregon, buying up the different claims against the Government, based on the most *extravagant rates*, for a few cents on a dollar. The facts before us, we think, will enable us to show up this whole matter in its true colors, and expose one of the greatest attempts to deplete Uncle Sam's treasury that has ever before been made.

The most delicious fruits, peaches, and plums we have seen for a long time came from a charming young and beautiful maiden who lives on our street—present to the editor.—*Madison Courier.*

Lucky, brother Garbe! We have had peaches, plums, and other delicious fruits sent to our office this season, but not a single charming and beautiful maiden has yet been forwarded as a present to the editor.

☞Parson Brownlow is now having a discussion of slavery with the Rev. Mr. Pryne, and we see that a Mr. Brown has challenged him to another. We judge from the language of the challenge, that, if it were accepted, the contest would be between Brownlow and low Brown.

☞The telegraph announces that the Democrats of the sixteenth Congressional district, in Pennsylvania, now represented by Mr. Able, have a good deal of difficulty in selecting a candidate. The Convention, we believe, is anxious to effect a nomination to-day, but it will probably not be *Able*.

☞A Democratic paper in Virginia charges that "Mr. Buchanan has played his game badly." He has had to make use of a very miserable set of creatures in playing it. Not even an old blackleg could play with such a *pack*.

☞We regret to see from our telegraph report that the debate between Rev. Mr. Brownlow and Rev. Mr. Pryune has assumed an angry character.

THE TEHUANTEPEC ROUTE.—The New York Times publishes a letter of Dr. Suntag stating the present condition of this line. According to this official report, it appears that the undertaking of the Louisiana Company, to carry the California mail that way by the 1st of October, is a physical impossibility, the route having no road as yet, and there being no means or facilities of transportation. He estimates that an outlay of very nearly a million dollars will be necessary to put the Isthmus in a practicable state—a statement fatal to the design of the company, as they are reported to look even the amount necessary to put on the steam connection at either end. Dr. Suntag also pronounces against the availability of the Ventosa Bay, the proposed terminus on the Pacific side, as a harbor, showing it to be exposed to a heavy sea and severe winds, that half the time render an approach to the shore impossible.

The New Orleans Picayune, of last Sunday, has an article, in which it contends that the road will be opened. It says:

> The company have made every preparation to open the Tehuantepec route by the 1st of November next.
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> The stage coaches, harness, and other material of that kind, with the hotel requirements for travelers, have been purchased in New York, and the company here expect daily to hear that these articles are shipped.
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> The materials for several frame houses, for the accommodation of the engineers, employees, laborers, &c., have also been shipped; and at Pensacola five schooner loads of prepared timber, for the bridges required on the road, have been ordered some of which is already shipped.
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> The company has had built in New York a small iron steamer, to carry about 300 passengers and their baggage, and to draw only 20 inches, and which is destined for the trade on the river Coatzacoalcos. The steamer will be at its destination by the first of October.
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> The line new steamship Quaker City, well known in the Mobile and New Orleans trade, has been put on the line by the company to run between this city and the Gulf terminus of the road. She will leave New York for this port next month, in time to start on the first regular mail and passenger trip on the first of November.
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> The steamship Jasper has been ordered for three months up and down the Coatzacoalcos river and branch of the same, the engineers, road materials, &c. She leaves here to-morrow for Tehuantepec, with a party of engineers, laborers, mules, and other needed resources.
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> Messrs. Isaacs and Russell, both here, actively pushing forward the preparations for the opening of this all-important route, and the above brief recapitulation of facts shows that they and the other officers of the company have not been idle.

[From the London Times, August 24.]

THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.—Sir: I enclose extracts from three letters which I have received from Capt. McClintock, by which you will perceive that the course of the last season he was unable to get into the North water, and passed the winter in the pack. He has now received at Disco, and, understand by this latter, has proceeded again in search of the missing expedition.

I remain yours, truly, R. COLLINSON.

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FALLING OFF IN EMIGRATION.—For the first time in the history of emigration to the United States from the British Islands, there is now a preponderance in the movement towards Australia and Canada over that towards these shores. The official returns made up in England, show that for the first three months of 1858, the aggregate number of emigrants from Great Britain was 19,000, of whom 8,200 were bound for the United States, against 19,726 for the corresponding period of 1857. Of the rest 9,807 were for the Australian colonies. Emigration for all parts of the world has not been at so low a figure for fifteen years past as it now is. It attained its maximum figure in 1853, when it reached 372,725. This was reduced to less than one-half in 1857, when the emigrationonly reached some 180,000.

☞A meeting of the telegraph operators and employees on First Sunday to take into consideration the raising of a fund among the telegraphers and printers to erect a monument over the remains of Benjamin Franklin, which now lie neglected in Philadelphia.

BOURBON FAIR.—The following are the premiums awarded at the Bourbon Fair as far as heard from:

FIRST DAY.

Bulls 4 years old, Thomas Hughes 1st premium; Thomas Hughes, B. J. Clay.

Bulls 3 years old, Charles J. S. Garrard 1st prem; B. J. Clay 2d.

Bulls 2 years old, Thos. M. Bedford 1st; John Griffith, Henry Clay, Jr., B. J. Clay, 1st.

Bulls 1 year old, Jno. A. Rice 2d prem; E. G. Bedford 1st prem.

Bull Calves, Geo. M. Bedford 2d; John Griffith, Henry Clay, Jr., B. J. Clay, 1st.

Cows 4 years old, Henry J. Clay 1st and 2d.

Cows 3 years old, Thos. M. Bedford 1st; C. S. Garrard, B. J. Clay.

Cows 2 years old, Rec. M. Bedford 1st; Geo. Clay 2d; B. J. Clay.

Heifers 1 year old—7 entries—Geo. M. Bedford 2d; John A. Rice.

Spring Calves—8 entries—E. G. Bedford 1st; C. S. Broul 2d.

Sweepstakes—Bull of any age—7 entries—Thos. Hughes 1st; E. G. Bedford 2d.

Sweepstakes—Cow of any age—10 entries—B. J. Clay 1st and 2d.

Fat Bullocks 4 years old—5 entries—1. S. Garrard (weight 2,630) 1st prem; John Thatcher (weight 2,400) 2d.

Fat Cows—2 entries—Reuben Hutchcraft (weight 1,620) 1st; R. S. Dillard (weight 1,220) 2d.

Steers 3 years old—4 entries—Will M Kenney (weight 1,100) 1st; John H——— (weight 1,300) 2d.

Steers 2 years old—3 entries—Archibald Bedford 1st and 2d prem.

Spayed Heifer—1 entry—J. B. Kennedy 1st prem.

Steers 1 year old—1 entry—Noah Sparks 1st prem.

Yoke of Work Oxen—6 entries—R. T. Dillard 1st; David L. Sutherland 2d.

Sheep—Buck 2 years old, long wool—6 entries—W. C. Goodman 1st; J. B. Kennedy 2d.

Bucks under 2 years, long wool—9 entries—John Linnenbrink 1st and 2d.

Ewes 2 years old, long wool—3 entries—Thos. H. Buck 1st; Robert McMillan 2d.

Ewes under 2 years, long wool—6 entries—Robt McMillan 1st; A. C. Shropshire 2d.

Ewes 2 years old, middle wool—R. T. Dillard (weight 1,450) 1st; Thos. M. Bedford (weight 940) 2d.

Bucks 2 years old, middle wool—B. J. Clay 1st; H. H. Bedford 2d.

Bucks under 2 years, middle wool—3 entries—W. C. Lyle 1st; Jno. Linnenbrink 2d.

Ewes 2 years old, long wool—W. M. Kennedy 1st; J. B. Kennedy 2d.

Ewes under 2 years, long wool—6 entries—Robt McMillan 1st; A. C. Shropshire 2d.

Stallions, 4 year old, 8 entries, Sam H. Clay 1st and 2d.

Boar under 1 year old, 6 entries, S. P. Clay 1st; A. C. Shropshire 2d.

Sow under 1 year old, 8, H. Clay 1st and 2d.

Sow under 1 year old, 4 entries, Abram Van Metre 1st; S. Lyle 2d.

Stallions, 4 year old, 8 entries, Downing & Alexander 1st; Bedford 2d.

Stallions, 3 year old, 8 entries, F. S. Darnaby 1st; Solomon Lane 2d.

Stallions, 2 year old, 9 entries, Wm. H. Nelson 1st; Wm. Wright 2d.

Colts under 1 year old, 12 entries, Isaac Sitt 1st; Ben Grouty 2d.

Mare and Colts, 12 entries, Wm. H. Nelson 1st; Felix J. Ashbrook 2d.

Harness Mares, 4 year old, 8 entries, Jno. K. Hilldreth 1st; Bedford 2d.

Harness Mares, 3 year old, 4 entries, Jno. P. Shropshire 1st; Harrison Thompson 2d.

MOBILE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—The Mobile Tribune furnishes the annexed interesting account of the progress and business of this road:

The road is finished on the southern part 222 miles viz: From Mobile to West Point, in Lowndes county in Mississippi. It is also completed through Kentucky 20 miles, and also southward into Tennessee 24 miles, making 11 miles. It is also laid northward 25 miles, from Jackson, Tenn., making 69 miles completed on the north. This, with 4 miles of the Columbus branch, makes the whole amount of road finished 301 miles. 80 miles have been laid during the past year, being the greatest progress since the commencement of the work.

Ten miles are contracted for sufficient to complete the road, and there can be scarcely a doubt that at the end of the coming year, if not before, we shall be enabled to announce the completion of the road.

During the past commercial year, there have been received here by railroad 107,861 bales of cotton.

SYRACUSE, September 9.

The Republican Convention reassembled this morning. A motion was immediately made to proceed to a nomination for Governor. This was diversified by various amendments by vira voce vote and by ballot. The first amendment was offered by the committee of conference, with a committee from the American convention, submitted a report. The report states they had fixed upon an union of opinion on the question of the abolition, free soil, and right to secession for a registry law to protect the ballot box, that the time of naturalization should be extended to as long as it required for non-residents in our State, and that the law to combine to defeat the progress slavery party. The agreement had received six out of eight votes in the Republican committee.

Mr. Upham stated that he had offered a resolution in the committee declaring the power of Congress to exclude slavery from the Territories, which the American committee would not entertain. He would take up with nothing less.

Mr. Hutchinson offered a naturalization clause.

Gen. Nye supported it, and believed that the resolution on the slavery question covered that offered by Mr. Upham.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 9.

Yesterday was the most interesting and exciting day of the fair thus far. The exhibition in the morning consisted of a remarkably fine display of thoroughbred and grade cattle, the premiums for which were divided between the State of Missouri, Illinois, and Ohio In the afternoon the very climax of intense excitement was reached by the display in the amphitheater. A field in neck and neck gap, Black Hawk, and other breeds of roadsters, embracing stallions, geldings, and mares of all ages, and probably no better collection of horses was ever exhibited at any fair in the West.

The interest in the fair continues to increase and fresh entries of horses and cattle are being made daily.

To-morrow morning there will be an exclusive exhibition of Morgan and Black Hawk horses, of which about forty are on the ground.

Professor Carey, the horse tamer, gave a very satisfactory exhibition of his wonderful power over wild and vicious horses, yesterday.

The weather is charming and thousands upon thousands of spectators daily throng the grounds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.

Commander Thorburn has been detached from the frigate Sabine, and ordered to the Sloop-of-War St. Louis, now fitting out for sea at New York. Capt. Adams has been ordered to the Sabine; Vice, Thorburn. This change was made at the request of Commander Thorburn, who did not wish to serve under Commodore Shubrick, recently appointed Flag Officer of the Brazil squadron. The latter was President of the retiring board in 1855, in which Capt. Thorburn was placed on the reserved list and declared unfit for active service.

Lieut. Maffitt will not go out with the Paraguay expedition in command of the Dolphin, his testimony being required in the prosecution of the officers of the slaver Putnam.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 9.

The slavery discussion opened at 7 this evening. A slight emente took place between the debaters. Brownlow has somewhat exceeded his time, and the audience have been violent in calling him to order. Brownlow said he was entitled to the floor by a majority of abolitionists present, but he asked no favor, quarter, or sympathy from them; but if they tried and wished to back out, let no know it and we will disperse like gentlemen. He demanded the right to finish his argument.

Tryune replied, much excited, that what was yielded as a courtesy was now demanded as a right. He opposed civil intimidation in any shape. Brownlow said "some Southerners are present," but he was not afraid of the cracking of their whips.

Brownlow then commenced to reply to an editorial in the New York Tribune, which, taking as a text a statement of prisoners in Louisiana jails, makes sweeping charges against Southern society and falsely alleges it. It takes convicts confined as representatives of Southern people. The Northern abolitionists having sought this basis, he was determined to sicken them with long details proving the falsity of the Times' statement and showing the comparative freedom of Southern society, and that the superiority of Southern in civilization. The largest number confined in Southern prisons are foreigners; the next largest from the Northern States, in which New York is far ahead. He also showed that the largest number of failures occurred North during the recent crisis, and that there were more students at the colleges from the South; and that the representatives in Congress from the South were better educated than those from the North; that there was more bribery and corruption in Northern legislators. He here transcended the Michigan officials in the lacrosse railroad affairs. Referring to the abolition, free soil, and rights convention, Brownlow said he intended starting a missionary cange to work North, commencing on Boston common. In conclusion, he asked if Pryune was willing to go to Surry his daughter to a son of some buck nigger, Fred Douglas, for instance.

Pryune, in opening, said he would refer the majority of Brownlow's arguments to Northern school boys and pass him by without answer. He then recited the prison statistics of Brownlow by stating that Southerners went about unpunished and unconvicted of crime, if justice was awarded, the prisons of the South could not hold the guilty. He then entered into a long array of statistics showing the difference between the South and the South in prosperity, and in the case of Kansas, where Democrats had a free soil of the South. His statistics showed that the hay crop of the North outweighed in value the whole cotton, tobacco, rice, hemp, and sugar crops of the South. In his statistics of manufacturing, railroads, &c., he showed the comparative superiority of the North, occasioned by free labor. But Pryune, having lost the hour, speaks too late to be fully reported. The interest in this debate is increasing. They close on Saturday evening next.

WASHINGTON, September 9.

The receipts into the Treasury last week were nearly $1,682,000. Increase over the previous week $235,000. Amount on deposit over $14,5000. Of this $10,135,000 is in New York, $1,740,000 have been ordered transferred.

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued new general regulations, in which he says that no subordinate officer of the customs be removed or appointed without his previous sanction. Incompetency or neglect of duty is to be reported to him for consideration and action hereafter. In all cases where parties allege they have claims for return of duties paid in error, illegal action, or otherwise, the application must be made direct to the Treasury Department by the owner or importer, upon the receipt of which a full report of the case, when it will be called for from the collector, and upon its examination the decision of the Department will be rendered.

The Secretary also directs that the value of the sugar imported from Cuba be ascertained and appraised without reference to the packages in which it is contained, whether boxes or hogsheads, and to this value be added the cost of the package.

SYRACUSE, Sept. 9.

The report of the conference committee, after a heated debate, in which Mr. Pomeroy, of Cayuga, bitterly denounced the proposed fusion, was referred, with loud cheers, to the committees on resolutions. The platform will doubtless be adopted by a decided majority. The prospects now seem favorable to Mr. Morgan's nomination for Governor, on the straight Republican platform and ticket. The Convention has taken a recess till 2 o'clock.

The American Convention, on being informed of the action of the Republicans, tabled the report of the conference committee.

THE TOBACCO CROP.—It is thought that not exceeding half a crop of this staple product will be made in this and the adjoining counties. The recent rains did the plants some good, though they were too far advanced to be at all really effected any way. The corn crop is too in a good condition, and an average crop will be gathered.

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THE LATEST CINCINNATI "FINANCIAL" SPASM. Years ago, when Cincinnati was a growing and a prosperous city—when the quiet people of the Eastern and Southern States, amazed at her rapid increase in business and population, regarded her as a phenomenon of the New World, even the more staid of her citizens, inflated beyond measure, persuaded themselves and convinced others that C

MONDAY, SEPT. 13, 1858.

☞"Inspector," the Washington correspondent of the New York Courier and Enquirer, gives us the following terse and big glimpse of the future:

The Democracy will be apt to startle some of the Whigs in the next presidential contest. The Democracy will be apt to startle some of the Whigs in the next presidential contest. The Democratic leaders of the country have never been more united. The masses of the party were never more harmonious in the necessity to be a good Democrat. In the absence of positive issues, the Democracy will be apt to divide upon men and cold, abstract principles. Men have leaders and not wagons. Men have history and not charters. Men are moved by the spirit of system in the organization of parties. It is believed, that, if the Democracy should be long out of power, a very decided rate, the tendency of the masses in the direction of the reorganization of the party of 1840 that were alienated on the subject of the U. S. Bank.

This statement is entirely credible, not only because it agrees with Mr. Buchanan's known antecedents, but because it is perfectly consistent with the practice of human parties, which, as has ever been to a misnomer the government as nearly on Whig principles as a decent regard for Locofoco appearances would allow, and, when the evils even of this partial deflection have accumulated into national disaster, take the back track under the prick of the popular scourge, and keep it, until the day of calamity has passed. This is Locofoco strategy. It is Locofoco statesmanship.

When the Democracy came into power in 1844 the necessity of doing something with the existing Whig tariff led to the adoption of the tariff of 1846, which simply confused and disordered the tariff of 1842, without affecting the principle of the measure it emasculated. In 1857 the details of the tariff were obtained over again, not, however, without some semblance to the principle of protection still preserved under the name of incidental protection. This was a little too much, serving no doubt to precipitate the inevitable results of a departure from the Whig policy. The crisis came. Commercial ruin passed over the land. Too great regard for Locofoco appearances had betrayed Locofoco realities. The party had accidentally over-done its consistency. And now, we are told, the President, to retrieve its fortunes, along with the fortunes of the country, has prudently resolved to recommend an instant and quick retreat at least to the first stage on the road back to the Whig tariff of 1842. This is characteristic, and, what is better, safe. Let the recommendation be made and promptly carried out by all means. There is certainly extreme need of it.

The history of the tariff in this particular is the history of nearly every important question of administrative policy that has arisen in our country for the last quarter of a century. It would seem that the Democracy were bound to recognize the efficacy of the Whig policy in some way or another. It won't be ignored. If they refuse to deal it out on a preventive, they are compelled to administer it as a remedy. As sure as they dispense with it they are called upon to dispense it. This is not the first time, however, in the history of this country, in which it has happened that place has been held by one party and power by another. It has, to be sure, been eminently, perhaps preeminently, the case in this country for a long series of years, and in relation to a wide variety of urgent public questions; but it has occurred frequently in modern English politics, and exists there in a conspicuous shape at this moment. The Derby Government, representing, as it does, a minority of Parliament, holds office only on condition of carrying out the measures of the Opposition, which conforms to the other humiliating terms without flinching, having already swallowed the India bill, and several other important measures, with merely a little ceiling, each time Democracy are in the habit of indulging themselves with before performing similar feats of deglutition on the measures of their Whig adversaries. So, let the proud but shallow devotees of the Democracy take heart. If their party is playing a very ridiculous part in the affairs of the nation, it has most excellent company on the other side of the Atlantic, among the soundest and heartiest lovers of civil freedom on the globe.

☞Two years ago, when every Democratic organ in the nation was bitterly denouncing the members of the American party, calling them Thugs, thieves, assassins, and every other accursed thing that could be thought of, we calmly stated in our columns that we had no doubt the time would come when the Democracy of most if not all the States would come to adopt our party and would even attempt to flatter us as much as they were then attempting to flatter the old Whigs. Many persons no doubt supposed that what we then said was intended simply as a jest, but we were perfectly serious, and what we then remarked is now receiving its perfect verification. In no State, where there is a conflict between the Democrats and the Republicans, do the Democratic organs utter one word against the Americans. In every such State, the Democrats assume that the Americans are far too pure patriots to unite with the Republicans, and, on the other hand, the Republicans are confident that the Americans have a great deal too much patriotism to help the Democrats. In New York, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and other States, the organs of both the opposing parties are wooing the Americans and flattering them as brightest examples of public virtue.

In predicting all this two years ago, we evinced no extraordinary foresight. We merely predicted what every degree of ordinary sagacity must, upon a little reflection, have considered inevitable. But the Americans did not feel themselves cast down by Democratic abuse, and they will not now feel themselves very extravagantly exalted by Democratic praise.

It remarkably singular that our sceptered birth-place did not attract the attention of the Lower Head when there was prospect of our hands *falling into the Democratic* grasp. Democracy *fond* of *Democracy*, "or discomfiture of dangerous debt there." No, not even when we opposed Lecompton.—*Central Kentuckian.*

The Eastern States contributed their full share to the defense of the honor of the country in the war of the Revolution, in the last war with Great Britain, and in the more recent war with Mexico. Yet, if a man from the Eastern States comes to Kentucky and enters upon the exercise of his unquestionable political rights, he is sneered at by a portion of the Democracy on one of his birth-place and treated as a presumptuous intermeddler in the affairs of a section where he has no business to be or at any rate to write or speak. At the same time, if one word is breathed against the bold and preposterous assumptions of the Indian Germans or any other foreigners, the wrathful indignation of the Democracy is kindled at the man who has the audacity to make cries about the atrocity of a "war of races!"

The patriotism of our Southern Democracy is of such a character that they would vouchsafe incomparably greater rights and privileges to the people of foreign countries than to the citizens of any other part of their own land than that in which they themselves live. Indeed, while they would, if they could, discranchise a large portion of their own countrymen on account of their birth-place, they meanly fawn upon the foreigners and flatter them as the best portion of the population of the United States.

The editor of the Louisville Journal thinks that we ought to be a little modest in regard to the English Bill, even if we are not in regard to anything else. He says that we "boast of having been the only Democrat in the land before and after the passage. Well it is true, and we have a right to make the boast. We avowed in reply to the Washington Union and Mobile Register, that the Constitution was established and would be extinguished by the vote of the people under the name of Senate.

The editor of the Statesman boasts of having showed that the Lecompton Constitution was submitted by the English bill to the people of Kansas. But let us see what he said. Here it is a part of his language: *"Had the report* [the English report] *been as at first reported?—a fraud and fair submission of the Constitution itself—the popular sovereignty principle would have been fully vindicated."* This was an acknowledgement that the English bill involved no fraud and fair submission of the Lecompton Constitution, and therefore was not a vindication of popular sovereignty. Surely a submission in which there was no fraudulence or falseness was correct in no submission at all, and, therefore, no vindication of popular sovereignty. It was a vindication of nothing that deserved to be vindicated.

Hence, we repeat that the editor of the Statesman, who is now a zealous supporter of the English bill, ought to be a little modest, if he knows how, in speaking of it

☞The Democrats of Massachusetts, in their recent State Convention, exhibited a glaring instance of the perfidelity which is used by that party on the slavery question. The proceedings show that after the resolutions had been adopted accepting the doctrine that Kansas may not come into the Union except on the terms of the English bill, that is, until her population comes up to the ratio of Congressional representation, Mr. Butler, who received about two fifths of the votes cast for Governor, made a speech to the Convention, in which he took the extraordinary ground on these points, declaring that the country was bound to admit Kansas, irrespective of population, whenever she made application, and that a territory is "a community having the dignity of a state, even in prospect," had the right to frame its own Constitution, or to abolish or establish slavery. These are the views declared by Mr. Douglas in his Illinois canvass, when closely interrogated by Mr. Lincoln, and thus we see that Democracy is preparing to go into the contest of 1860 with resolutions to cull the South, which the main points and industrial of the party entirely reject.

☞The Democratic papers of St. Louis stoutly repel the charge of fraud brought by Francis P. Blair, jr., against Mr. Barrett, in the Congressional election. As the Missouri definition of a "working Democrat" is, "one who manages to cast most votes, with the fewest scruples," and as the favorite party rally of those sanguinal, "check the votes and vote all day," Mr. Blair certainly has a *prima facie* case, and we think some interesting experiments will be made before the next Congress.

☞Whenever there is any sort of union between the Americans and the conservative Republicans, the Americans are charged by the Democracy with adopting all the principles of the Republicans, while the Republicans are charged with abandoning all of their own principles. How do these charges look side by side? If Republicans, for the sake of a conservative union, *abandon* Republican principles, can't the Americans go into the union without *adopting* Republican principles?

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RUSSIAN TREATY WITH CHINA.—The New York Times is not singular in its suspicion that Russia will take the lion's share of the Chinese plunder, and it points out, as of parallel importance with our purchase of Louisiana from France, the transaction by which the frontier of China, instead of carrying some hundreds of miles to the northward, including the entire course of the Amoor, and the larger portion of its water-shed, is now carved as decidedly southward, ceding vast regions, embracing near two thousand miles of the Amoor and its navigation, to the Czar. The transaction is probably as important, as big with irreconcilable consequence, as the purchase of Louisiana from France has been to the United States. The Paris Presse furnishes some historic notes of this territory, opposite to its transfer. It states that when Siberia was conquered in 1582 by Jermak, Hetman of the Don Cossacks, an attempt was made to embrace the Amoor region in the new acquisition. The Emperor Alexis, in 1645, sent a first expedition to explore the river. A long reach from the mouth was thus opened to traffic, and presently the Russians were taking every advantage of the opportunity. The Chinese, jealous of their success, interfered, quarrelled with the settlers, and eventually drove them and their commerce away. At last, in 1689, the disputed right was adjusted by a treaty, in the negotiation of which the Chinese displayed their usual ill faith. The treaty gave up the whole river to the Tatters, leaving only a meagre right of navigation, which although of itself almost worthless, has not been without indirect value. On the strength of this reservation the Russians have employed the last half century in peopling, developing, and possessing themselves of the great and fertile valley; have placed shipping on the river; brought fleets of traders to its mouth; have built forts and cities; and are talking of railroads, telegraphs, and machine shops. The treaty of June 1, 1858, converts this tenure, by sufferance, into tenure in fee simple; and hereafter the map of Asiatic must continue the hue of the Russian empire very nearly to the gates of Pekin.

☞Ever since the era of the ancient fuller and doubtless from a much earlier age, it has made a great difference in obtaining an impartial judgment to find out whose ox has been gored. The Richmond Whig shows, by way of illustrating this fact, that the Democratic politicians and presses in the interest of Mr. Letcher have made the curious discovery that it is the very height of injustice and absurdity to hold any Southern man responsible for the expression of abolition sentiments in the past, especially when such an offense has been candidly acknowledged and repented of. But these gravelled and disgruntled friends of Letcher saw nothing wrong, nothing unjust, nothing unbaritable or improper in (only seven years ago) heaping denunciation and abuse upon George W. Summers for a somewhat similar though far less grievous offense. There very men, who are now so vehemently railing at the injustice and absurdity of holding Letcher responsible for his odious abolition doctrines in 1847, were the most conspicuous and vindictive assailants of Summers on account of the latter's declaration of emancipation sentiments as far back as 1831.

COMET OF 1858.—This remarkable comet (says the Albany Argus) is now visible to the naked eye, as described by Dr. Gould some weeks ago. It is now only one hundred and forty millions of miles distant and is very rapidly approaching the earth, and already shows through a common opera glass a well defined tail. We are told that during the first week of October the comet will be of the most striking brightness, possibly the largest of the century, and at that time will be seen near Arcturus, perhaps even surpassing that brilliant star in splendor. It is now visible for about an hour after sunset and an hour before sunrise in a line with the two stars called the Pointers, and forming nearly a right angle between these and Arcturus. It is now best seen at four o'clock in the morning.

Dr. Gould also suggested in the last number of his Journal that from the similarity of the elements it was possible that this comet was identical with the first comet of 1827, and also that of 1761. This fact seems now, from the recent observations, almost certain, affording a reasonable presumption that it is a periodic comet, whose period is about thirty-one years.

THE NEW YORK CONVENTIONS.—The negotiations of the Republican and American conventions, with a view to Union, resulted in failure, and separate tickets have been nominated. It appears that after conference, and an understanding that the four offices should be equally divided, the Republicans proceeded to nominate a full ticket of their own. As a matter of course the American convention also made separate nominations, as follows: For Governor, Lorenzo Burrows, formerly a Whig member of Congress and late Comptroller of the State of New York; for Lieut. Governor, N. S. Benton, the present Auditor of Canals, a gentleman so universally acceptable that the Democratic Senate has refused to remove him during the term of Gov. King; for Canal Commissioner, James R. Thompson, and for Prison Inspector, William A. Russell.

☞There is a large fish found all along the coast of Europe called the Lophius Piscator, so large and unwieldy that it is forced to have recourse to stratagem to secure its food. This fish is furnished with a set of filaments over its body, which, when kept in motion, resembls little worms wriggling in the water. The lophius, when it needs a meal, settles and conceals itself in the weeds and mud at the bottom of the sea, thus hiding every part of its body except the worm-like filaments that fringe its surface. By agitating these, shoals of little fish soon gather around and nibble at the bait. When a number are thus collected, the lophius opens its huge jaws, and, with a sudden gulp, sucks in the little fish. The trap is set again and again, until sly old lophius gets his fill and swarms of little fish are *taken in.*

STATEN ISLAND.—The name of this locality will always be infamous in the opinion of the civilized world. Speaking of the recent brutalities attending the Inoculation of the Quarantine, the Auburn American refers to the contrast they afford to all previous epidemics of pestilence disease. The Howard Association of New Orleans, the forty physicians who died at Norfolk, were of a different stamp. For the first time in the history of our country has an ignoble panic led its citizens to forget that they were human, and that they themselves might some day be stricken down by infectious disease and need from others a place of shelter and of care, such as they denied to those unfortunate inmates of Quarantine.

THE CAPTURED SLAVES.—It is stated that the Government has concluded a treaty with the American Colonization Society, by which the Society agrees to take charge of and instruct, for a year after their arrival in Liberia, the Africans taken from on board the brig Putnam. Something near $50,000 a the sum the Government is to pay.

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STUDENBVILLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

STEUBENVILLE, September 11.

The express train going West yesterday evening, on the Steubenville and Indiana road, met with a serious accident thirteen miles west of this place. In crossing a bridge the express car and rear of the engine jumped the track, and, knocking some main timbers from the bridge, passed through the same way. The baggage car and front passenger car went down with the bridge, some ten or twelve feet, while the rear end of the third car remained on the abutment. The first car was almost completely broken up, and the seats nearly all broken from their fastenings in the rear car. The following persons were killed: Mr. Neely, conductor, had scarcely time to say, "Jump, boys!" when he was crushed to death; Bryan Roach, of Louisville, Ky., both legs broken; E. J. Cornell, baggage master, wrist sprained and badly bruised; Rev. Mr. Watson, of Ainsterdam, N. Y., badly wounded; James Gault, of Maysville, Ky., slightly bruised; Andrew Anderson, of Harrison county, slightly bruised; Mr. C. Wainwright, of New Jersey, slightly injured; D. C. Gill, Dayton; Mrs. Mordelly, of Natchez, Miss.; Mary Lyon, of Hazlestown, N. J.; Dr. Allen, of Belleville, Ark.; Rev. S. J. Humphrey and lady, of Newark, Ohio; W. H. Moore, of Milton, Ind.; John P. Draper, of Zanesville, Ohio; Mr. W. T. Hoge, of Hillsboro, Ohio; Jos. Fleming, of Zanesville, fatally; Oliver Ormsby, of Vevay, Ind. A great number of others who would not give their names were injured more or less.

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Messrs. Bailey & Co., jewellers of Philadelphia, having tendered to the Howard Association of this city, a donation of five hundred dollars for the relief of the suffering, and as the sum is rather large, very low, which is not the case at present, the following reply has been forwarded in response:

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To Messrs. Bailey & Co.—Your generous offer of five hundred dollars for our suffering sick is gratefully acknowledged. Should we be in need of it, which we are not at present, we shall avail ourselves of your permission to draw. We will write you further by mail. Signed E. F. Schmidt, President of Howard Association."

PITTSBURG, Sept. 11.

A young woman named Miss Henry was murdered to-day at 11 o'clock, by Thomas Smithson. She refused to speak with him when intoxicated. He drew a pistol and shot her. She is not yet expired.

TRINITY BAY, Sept. 10.

M. DeSauty, the electrician of the Atlantic telegraph station at this place, declines to make any statement relative to the Atlantic cable for publication beyond the positive assurance to the agent of the company that there are only temporary difficulties of an electrical nature, and no reason whatever for any rumor that the cable had parted.

ARRIVAL OF THE ASIA.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 8.

The Cunard steamship Asia arrived this morning, with Liverpool dates to Saturday, the 18th ult.

It was announced that the French Government had demanded explanations from England relative to the bombardment of Jeddah. A report was in circulation, but considered doubtful, that Naples had accepted the conditions of Western Powers. It was stated that by the treaty of peace with China a million of francs is the amount of the Chinese indemnity to England and France.

London, August 28.—We have later advices from India and China; the former are important. The China news is not so late as the former advices via Alexandria, but the allies were on the eve of effecting a treaty. The American and Russian treaties were concluded. It is said that the Americans were to have the privileges of an annual embassy to Pekin.

A telegram from Madrid says that a military expedition is preparing for Havana.

Further riots are reported in Candia during which a number of Christians were killed.

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NOTICE.—It is our especial desire that all letters pertaining to the business of the Louisville Journal should be addressed, not to the senior editor as many now are, but to the firm.

STATE FAIR—TROTTING DAY.—We are requested to state that the track at the Southwestern Fair Grounds is now in complete order, and that the gates are opened for the entrance of persons intending to compete for the premiums on the trotting day, for the purpose of practicing their horses.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.—It is stated that Mr. Whitehouse, the English electrician, who has heretofore had that department of the Ocean Telegraph in charge, has given place to Professor Thompson, of Edinburg, as his successor, and that, if the latter gentleman should fail to secure the objects desired, he will give place to Mr. Hughes, of the United States, the inventor of an instrument from which important results to ocean telegraphing may yet be realized. The New York Herald thinks that the opening of the line will not be delayed beyond the 1st of October. At the last accounts, Professor Hughes, who has two instruments with him in London, was preparing to leave with one of them for Trinity Bay. It was arranged that the Cable Company should send a special steamer from Liverpool to Trinity Bay on or about the 10th of this month, to convey the Professor or his assistant, with all necessary instruments and other fixtures for working the cable. He will arrive there about the 20th or 25th of the month, and will of course require a few days for preparation and the adjustment of the machinery. This will occupy him until the 28th of September, or perhaps to the 1st of October, but certainly not longer. If therefore he succeeds in his calculations, we may count upon being placed in the full enjoyment of the fruits of his labors by the latter date.

KANSAS.—Gov. Denver, of Kansas, has put himself a letter, by way of reply to various petitions presented to him, by residents of that Territory, requesting him to convene an extra session of the Legislature. The Governor declines to call this extra session, showing that at the present time there are no members of the Legislature whose official terms have not expired. He also expresses the opinion that the next election should be held under the last apportionment, according to the act of February 20, 1857. He concludes by saying that he had consulted the President and the Attorney General of the United States on this point, and both agreed that the next election should be held under this apportionment.

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ANOTHER POSTMASTER ARRESTED.—A postmaster of Lagrange county, Indiana, was arrested a few days since by Deputy U. S. Marshal Charles W. Seeley, on a charge of robbing the mail. His name is Limerick Parke.

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A Tornado.—Captain Samuel F. Dupont, of the Minnesota, had come on board in his gig, the crew of which numbered six—Jones, Bisp, and four others. He had been on board some hours and was about to step into his boat to return, when the Commodore remarked: "You had better wait until that rain squall passes over." The captain, therefore, returned to the cabin, while the officer of the deck ordered the gig's crew to come out of her boat and drop her astern. Unfortunately they did not do this; they only passed everything out of her that would have been lighter than herself, and then, there being a bad chop sea on, remained in her to keep her clear of the ship's sides, the poor fellows were so proud of their boat. Several of us were smoking in the wheelhouse like a balloon secured to the ground, when the report coming to see a "remarkable cloud." It was in the shape of a fan, the point being about twenty degrees above the horizon, and the broad part verging towards the zenith. The point was of a deep leaden hue, the body of purple, and the edges of a livid red. The different minor clouds of which it was composed were surging and swaying from side to side like a balloon secured to the ground and blown about by a strong wind. It was one of those sights which impress the beholder with the conviction that something sudden, and perhaps dangerous, is shortly to result, and the first words that were uttered were: *"I know that it is doing so."* There is such a thing as "crowding the mourners too far," to use a very significant and expressive phrase, and that is exactly what the Union is doing for some time.

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PRESERVING GRAPES.—Charles Campbell, of Aurora, Cayuga county, New York, communicates to the American Agriculturist the following method of preserving grapes:

When they are fully ripe, suspend a basket by a strap or cord passed around the neck, thereby giving liberty to both hands for picking; with one hand hold the cluster and with the other cut it from the vine; remove from it those that are green or rich, and deposit them in the basket until it is filled. (I use a market basket that will hold about a half bushel.) Carry the grapes thus gathered to the place for packing. Take a common pine feel square by six inches deep in the clear, with covers made to shut tight. In packing lay a newspaper on the bottom of the box, then a layer of grapes, then a paper and second layer of grapes, and so on, closely packed, usually fills the box; set it in some dry and airy place, with the cover off, and let the box remain open for ten days, or until the sweating process is passed. Then put on the cover, and put the fruit room, cellar, or garret, any place where they will not freeze, or which is not extremely damp.

Grapes, packed as above directed, will open at any time during the winter or spring following as fresh as when packed. The only secret or mystery in this fine method is, that the sweating of the fruit when packed in saw-dust and other absorbents, passed off during the ten days that the box remains open, instead of being absorbed, and ultimately moulds and spoils those grapes. From my experience in my business that I have more confidence in the preservation of fruit by this method than any other fruit. I use shallow boxes for packing grapes, that the moisture may more readily escape and that the first layer in the bottom will not be crushed by the weight above.

WOMEN IN GARDENS.—The only way to keep weeds in subjection is to treat them as with "eternal vigilance." There is no royal road to a neat garden. On walking recently through a neighbor's grounds, noted for their good order and neatness, we asked him the secret of his success in exterminating weeds. He replied that he had only one thing to rule on the subject, and that was "never to allow a weed to go to seed." If every person owning a garden will devote his leisure moments daily to the destruction of weeds, he will find it a comparatively easy matter to keep them down. And this system-atic daily hoeing of the soil not only keep his garden neat, but will keep the soil in the best condition possible for the growth of his plants.—*Prairie Farmer.*

A Hotel and livery stable keeper at a fashionable watering place advertises, amongst other inducements to visitors, *excellent* for young ladies and gentlemen, and *sulkies* for married folks.

A gentleman was speaking the other day of the kindness of his friends in visiting him. One old aunt in particular visited him twice each year and stayed six months each time.

Plutarch speaks of a long white board of an old Lacedæmonian, who, being asked why he let it grow to such a length, replied, "It is that, having my white beard continually before my eyes, I may not think unworthy its whiteness."

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SHEEP.—CHARACTERISTICS OF BREEDS.

It was stated in a preceding number, that, notwithstanding the great diversity presented by the different races of sheep, they are, by the present scientific arrangement, included in one species—*Ovis Ovieares.* Whatever objections may be brought against this, no better classification has yet been suggested. And in this connection it may be well to glance at an attempt which has been made to divide the domestic sheep into two species—"a *hairy* species and a *woolly* species." The inquiry naturally arise, What are the grounds for this novel division? It is well known that every individual sheep always produces both hair and wool. It is true that in some the former is confined to comparatively small portions of the body, as the face and legs, but the growth of hair and wool, more or less, on the skin of the same animal, is nevertheless certain. And even in those varieties of sheep which now produce the finest and most perfect wool, a mixture of hair in the fleece was common at no remote period of time. Art has changed the habit of the animal, but has this change made it of a different *species?*

Again, sheep differ in other points as much or more than they do in the fleece. Some races, so far as known, have always been destitute of horns; others have from time immemorial been horned, some races having two, and others four or more horns. The form and direction of the horn varies, also, in different races, and considerable variation is noticeable in the shape of the head, and in the position and size of the ears. There are other differences which still more affect the outward characteristics of the animals. In some races the fat, instead of being distributed over the carcass, is accumulated chiefly on the tail, or about the rump, giving an enormous size and prominence to those parts.

These remarks are sufficient to show the absurdity of the attempted specific distinction, based on wool and hair. Let us now look at the subject in another light.

How to Make It.—Lay down the pieces of scantling 2½ feet apart; lay on one plank, thick edge to the end; take an inch auger and bore through the plank and scantling; commence at the holes through the plank with a chisel, so that the pins will not draw through; then take the next plank and lap it one inch over the thin edge of the other, and put the pins through so that they will catch both planks; when the last plank is on, slope off the scantling like a sledge runner; then put on the wide plank, turn over, wedge pins, bore a slanting hole in each end piece about a foot from the front, to pull by. Put a chain of suitable length on the pins; hook your swingletrees to the middle; driver to stand on the hind end. If not heavy enough, put on stone. It does not answer well on stony land, because the stones don't break. If the land is wanted very fine and once over is not enough, harrow up the clods and go over again. Farmers living on clay loams will find this kind of great advantage. We use it after the harrow, and it saves one harrowing. It has several advantages over the roller—costs less, turns easier, pulverizes better, and levels.

SUMMER GOSSIP IN THE FRUIT GARDEN—*Pruning of the Grapes.*—Visitor—Good morning, brother gardener! Am surprised to see you so hard at work this sultry morning. I haven't used my hoe or pruning shears for several days past.

Amateur—Just about so with me. I find little poetry in gardening in dog-days, except perhaps for an hour before breakfast and another after sunset. Accordingly I get tired of it altogether and conclude to put it aside for several days or a week in succession. Then, when I come back, some dewy morning, to my vines and plants, and see how faithfully they have kept on growing in my absence, and how the springs up in my bosom, and I go to work with fresh ardor. Hence my industry to day.

Visitor—Pruning grape vines, are you? Please, then, tell me what you mean by summer trimming. Some of my neighbors cut and slash their vines, hacking off the canes here, and pulling off the leaves there, so (they say) to send the sap into the fruit, and so help on the sugar, and hasten the clusters to ripen them. What say you to that practice?

Amateur—Rather too heroic for me. In the first place I give my vines a thorough pruning in the fall, and then they need little or no trimming in summer. I cut back the canes in the autumn, so that they shall stand eighteen inches or two feet apart on the trellis, and then, in the spring, I pull off any useless wild which may start from the stump near the ground. And after the buds have well pushed all along the canes, I rub off with thumb and finger all but one of the shoots starting from a single joint, leaving the strongest to grow and bear fruit. Then, after a few weeks, when those fruit-bearing shoots begin to throw out laterals from their several joints, I pinch them off, leaving only one leaf beyond the second lateral.

Visitor—But why not pull off the lateral entirely?

Amateur—Because it would check the fruit-bearing branch too severely, and would weaken the flowering buds at its base, so much as to be depending for next year's fruit. By leaving one leaf on the lateral, it is slightly checked, but pushes again after a few weeks. After it has formed a few leaves, I pinch again, allowing only one good sized lateral leaf at each pinching. This keeps the laterals within small compass. After the fruit bearing branch has grown several feet, I tie it up to the trellis.

Visitor—Then you don't cut off the fruit as soon as the fruit has set? Some gardeners break it off at the first joint beyond the clusters, just as soon as they are fairly out of bloom.

Amateur—A most mistaken practice, don't you think? If the fruit needed no more leaves for its proper development, would not Nature have terminated the branch at a joint beyond the cluster?

Visitor—Probably. Nature then, if Nature knows best how to grow grape-vines, why don't you let her do it for you? Why do you prune at all? Why trim in the autumn, pull off suckers and water sprouts here and there in the spring, and stop laterals in the summer? There's a poster for you, this warm morning!

Amateur—Yes, indeed; but let us go and all down in the shade, and rest by, and look at it coolly. On the arbor around us are overgrown with vines which are suffered to grow at random; they make a dense shade, but bear only a little fruit, and that is inferior in quality. Were these vines suffered to spread themselves over some tree-top, they would succeed better than they do here because the branches would not crowd each other; they would have a greater number of leaves, yet the fruit would be smaller than if grown in rich garden soil and on a well-managed trellis. If we attempt to cultivate the vine in our gardens, we must keep it within bounds; and, to do this, we must prune it in fall and summer, otherwise it will become a mass of branches, dead and living, and almost unproductive, like those on this ornamental arbor. All the pruning I must speak of, is that which is to keep the vine within control and to prevent its branches from becoming a tangled swamp. But, to come back from this digression—we were talking about the proper mode of training grape-vines. Experience shows that the best mode is to let them grow until the bribes upon them are as large as common peas, and then to pinch them off at four or five inches from the stem. This causes the lower branches from becoming crowded, yet allows leaves enough remaining to shield the clusters from the hot sun, and to elaborate the juices of the vine for the growth and maturity of the berries.

Visitor—What do you do with the leading canes, when they overtop your trellis several feet?

Amateur—I don't cut them off, at once. Because this would weaken the whole vine, and would cause the dormant buds to push out prematurely all along the canes. Why not let the top shoots ramble at will, for most of the season, at least. We may rest assured that every inch of wood added to them promotes a corresponding healthy expansion of the roots. If, at length, they become troublesome, they can be thrown over on the back side of the trellis, and tied to stakes. This will not check their growth, slightly check their growth. In the fall, they should be cut back to the top of the trellis.

Visitor, sir, the whole of my doctrine on summer pruning, is—Let your vines alone more than this; and their vines look more primly dressed throughout the summer, and their clusters are more open to the observation of visitors; but I am thoroughly persuaded that they thereby impair the health of their vines and diminish the sweetness of their clusters.

Bud enough of this. You have kept me in the teacher's chair too long; please change places with me and tell me more about your new method of fall pruning.

Visitor.—My method is not altogether new, but it is very simple. Perfectly hardy grapes, such as the Clinton, Concord, and Delaware, may be trimmed in the "renewal" method, and kept tied up to the trellis throughout the winter. But the tenderer sorts, such as the Isabella, Diana, and perhaps white Rebecca, had better be trained fan-shape, i. e., with the canes extending from the stump near the ground in all angles, like the spars of a lady's fan. They can, then, be very easily taken down from the trellis in the fall, and laid flat on the ground without breaking, and slightly covered during winter. And if, perchance, any of the canes get injured, they can easily be replaced by the new ones which annually push out from the stump. Tender grape vines trained on the renewal method, from a permanent horizontal branch tied to the lower bar of the trellis are difficult to get down upon the ground for winter protection; and if they are not, there is no success in their culture can hardly be expected.

Country Gentleman.

SHEEP AND COWS TOGETHER.—*Changing Pastures, &c.*—It has been said that "no grazing farm should be without at least a small flock of sheep—for it has been found that as large a number of cattle and horses can be kept with them as without, and without any injury to the farm for other purposes."

Under a proper system of management this may be true, but it will not hold good if sheep and cows are shut up the range of the same pasture at the same time during the summer. Although there may be abundant forage for their supply through the season, it will be found that certain portions will be closely grazed, while other portions will remain untouched until too ripe or rank for use.

Upon this point a variety of opinions have been entertained, but practical men join in the views above expressed, that sheep and cattle should never be pastured together. Sheep have as great a relish for the best pasturage as any other animal kept by the farmer, and perhaps a greater dislike to coarse, rank grass than cows, and consequently will leave over that which might otherwise be eaten by neat stock, and on which they would thrive freely. It is true that they consume some plants refused by cattle and horses, but these are few in number, and little comparative importance under the system of pasturage which we would commend to the reader.

Cattle and horses, if allowed a large range of pasture, show the same preference for a certain portion of the same, and the fields so treated have a spotted, unhandsome appearance at midsummer.

By changing pastures frequently, so as to keep animals enough in each at the same time to consume the grass in its fresh state, a considerable advantage is secured in obtained, and the force of the objections to sheep avoided. One might follow horses or cows for a week or two, and by a sufficient division of fields, certain lots remain unoccupied, so that a flock of sheep could always be afforded. The present year we shall adopt a larger amount and much better quality of clover pasture for cattle, and from having fed it closely with sheep just before leaving, and shunned the first time, than we should, had we allowed it to remain uncropped, or had it been mowed when fit for hay a few weeks later. Had our horse pasture been treated in the same way, it would now be found much less covered in spots with dry clover stalks, while other portions were closely eaten, and the whole amount of pasturage it afforded increased and deteriorated in value.

Pastures frequently mowed are improved by keeping sheep upon them a portion of the time—particularly those of a wild and bushy character. These supply considerable quantities of manure, they keep down many of the bushes, and bring a fine grass and white clover in their place. And we join in the views first above quoted, that no grazing farm should be without a proper proportion of these animals.

We have recently noticed the employment for novel purpose of weeding beans, and they did the work in a very satisfactory manner. Turn in a good flock into the bean field for two weeks before they begin to blossom, and the weeds and grass will be so eaten down so closely that they will be of little injury to the crop. Especially will this be the case, if, as in the instance noted, the beans are planted in hills 16 to 20 inches apart, as they will then cover the whole surface. As the beans begin to blossom, the sheep must be removed, or they will eat them off near the young bean pods, and it is well known that they are very fond of dried beans and bean straw.—*Country Gentleman.*

FALLING FRUITS.—Already the apples, pears, and plums are beginning to drop abundantly from the trees! If you examine these, you will discover that not a single sound specimen is among them. They have fallen, not by the wind, but, quite likely, prematurely by disease. Cut them open, and you will find either eggs or grubs already at work upon the nourishment of the fruit. Every one of these fruits is a pest-house, to be immediately destroyed. A good work for the boys to pick them up and throw them into the piggery